

NORTH HAMPTON RECREATION COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 2021

In attendance: Joe Manzi, Marty Tavitian, Willow Foley, Dale Rocheford, Jane Morse

Marty called the meeting to order at 6:04.

Jane Morse made a motion to accept the December minutes, it was seconded by Dale and accepted by all present.

NHYA update: The ice rink was built with the North Hampton firefighters, Danielle Strater and a group of volunteers. It contains approximately 16,000 gallons of water and is 60 x 80 feet. Joe shoveled the rink today and assessed that more water will be needed. Marty thought 2000 gallons would be adequate.

Programs at the Rec: Programs are being held each afternoon after school. To Your Arts Content has been very popular with each day being a different project. There are groups of 12, socially distanced with all COVID protocols strictly enforced. There is a detailed overview of the programs and events on the Town website.

Winterfest: Unfortunately this popular winter event has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Trees for a bonfire are not being collected or left a Dearborn Park.

Egg Scramble: Joe met with Mike Tully regarding the feasibility of having an outdoor egg hunt at the school and it is thought this may be able to happen. Staggered times with limited numbers of kids on the fields and scheduling times for families may be necessary. Small groups of 8 on the field with parents and kids waiting in cars to be called. There will be further discussion about this event next month.

Financials: Certain programs have seen budget reductions, but there is a healthy balance in the Recreation Dept fund. There is a revolving amount each month in and out based on programs ongoing and funding raised for each. There are funds available in the COVID fund for families in need. Cash is not given out but rather gift cards for food, gas, vehicle repairs or other items are given.

February programs: There are increasing numbers of students utilizing the Rec with programs for all ages. Pottery classes, yoga, games as well as art programs specific to grades 6 and up, teens and adults are being held.

Marty made a motion to adjourn at 6:39, seconded by Jane and agreed by all present.

