

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 6:00 pm**

**Hampton Falls Town Hall**  
**1 Drinkwater Road**  
**Hampton Falls, NH 03844**

**Meeting called to order: 6:03 pm**

**Attendance:** Lyn Stan (chair), Karen Sabatini (treasurer), Beth Forgione (secretary), Pam Fitzgerald, Kathy Dittami, Phil Chura, Mark Lane (Selectman Representative)

**Not present:** Tuesday Orluk, Larry Smith (GWP Liason)

**Welcome to Kathy Dittami, a new member of the Commission.**

### **Review and Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting.

**MOTION:** Karen Sabatini

**SECOND:** Pam Fitzgerald

Abstentions: None

**Passed**

### **Treasurer Report:**

	<b>General Ledger</b>	<b>PRC Revolving Fund</b>
<b>Previous Balance (March)</b>	<b>\$22,103.00</b>	<b>\$27,034.13</b>
<b>New Balance (April):</b>	<b>\$22,103.00</b>	<b>\$21,788.80</b>

### **Old Business:**

**Governor Weare Park (GWP):**

#### **Northeast Baseball – Mark Lane**

Mark Lane reports all is going well with Mike Montville/NEB. Still waiting for signatures on the contract, but the fields are being used by both NEB and Hampton Attack Soccer. Mike Montville felt a portable toilet was needed now and agreed to pay for the portable toilet for the period between now and June when the PRC will take over the cost. Mark reported there are also some residents scheduling and using these fields.

#### **GWP Sign**

Since the warrant article didn't pass, the Commission is looking for volunteers to repair and paint the sign.

### **Depot Road Waterfront Revitalization Update – Karen Sabatini**

The Select Board is looking for volunteers to create an advisory team for the location. No additional updates at this time. Would be good for one or more of the PRC members to be on that team.

### **Summer Camp 2021 Update– Stacey Bellen**

The Lincoln Ackerman school principal has agreed to let the camp use school grounds (nature preserve area). Bathroom facilities need to be addressed so Stacey Bellen is working with the principal for access to the school bathrooms, otherwise portable toilets will be needed. Stacey Bellen is also checking to see if the tents will remain up for the summer. Would be good to have them so they can get under cover, if needed.

### **Ice Rink Review – Grant Winnes**

Will need a new liner for next year. No other updates at this time. Next year it might be a good idea to designate times for hockey so there isn't competition with those who want to use the rink.

### **Senior Program Update – Karen Sabatini**

Karen Sabatini is putting the committee back together and is scheduling a meeting to begin planning activities. The meeting will be held at the town hall and will be posted.

### **KD Dance Studio – Lyn Stan**

Now that KD Dance Studio can have students inside they no longer need an outdoor venue for the annual recital, thus they have cancelled their program for May 22.

### **Castleberry Fair - Lyn Stan**

The fair for Mother's Day has been confirmed. They are still planning to do three more events. The October event will be Columbus Day or the weekend after. The final date is yet to be decided. They would like a confirmation they can use the school parking lot on the four planned weekends.

### **New Business**

#### **Tiny Library at Governor Weare Park – Judy Wilson/Barbara Tosiano**

The Friends of the Library would like to set up two tiny "free libraries" - one at the town's library and one at Governor Weare Park. It's intended to provide books for sharing when the library is not open. The Friends of the Library will be taking full responsibility for purchasing the structures, setting them up and maintaining them. The idea is for people to feel free to take a book or leave a book. They're seeking permission and a suggested location. Mark Lane recommended just beyond/next to the parking lot. The plan is to install the small structure in the next couple of months.

**MOTION:** To approve placing a tiny library at GWP near the parking area.

**MOTION:** Pam Fitzgerald

**SECOND:** Kathy Dittami

Abstentions: None

**Passed**

## **Elm Tree Project**

The Town Improvement Committee is looking for location suggestions for placement of up to 20 elms. (Currently sapling size.)

## **Bench on the Common – Pam Fitzgerald**

Last year, Pam Fitzgerald asked Glen Aldrich if he would make a recommendation regarding what could be done to make a temporary repair to the monument site bench. It had deteriorated & posed a safety concern. At his own expense, Glen made a temporary repair. This Spring, Glen constructed a new pine bench. He noticed the other benches were made out of cedar, and wanted to know if Parks & Rec wanted him to tear down the new pine bench and replace it with cedar. As no funding was available at this time, it was discussed to let the pine bench remain. Pam contacted Glen after the meeting. Glen will coordinate the stain color to match the other benches. All labor and material has been donated to the Town by Glen Aldrich. The Gordon Janvrin plaque will be reattached.

## **Other Business**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:02.

**MOTION:** Karen Sabatini

**SECOND:** Pam Fitzgerald

Abstentions: None

**Passed**

**Prepared by:** Beth Forgione