

DRAFT MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

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

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Attendance: Lyn Stan (chair), Karen Sabatini (treasurer), Beth Forgione (secretary), Pam Fitzgerald, Phil Chura, Mark Lane (Selectman Representative), Larry Smith (GWP Liaison)

Not present: Kathy Dittami

Review and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the meeting of September 20, 2021.

MOTION: Pam Fitzgerald

SECOND: Karen Sabatini

Abstentions: None

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

	General Ledger	PRC Revolving Fund
Previous Balance (August)	\$4,068.51	\$32,655.18
New Balance (September):	\$9,557.89	\$35,157.96

Old Business:

Governor Weare Park (GWP)/Northeast Baseball – Mark Lane

The playing fields remain very busy through the end of the season.

Ice Rink 2022 Season Update – Grant Winnes

Grant Winnes previously recommended a new liner for the ice rink this winter and has agreed to order a new one. The new liner will be a bit smaller to better fit the space and terrain as well as be easier to freeze. A motion passed to approve his offer to pursue sponsors to help with the expenses of purchasing, installing and maintaining the rink and to place banners to thank the sponsors. Mark Lane graciously offered to provide the banner(s).

MOTION: To allow Grant Winnes to seek sponsors to donate to the expenses incurred for the ice rink and approve the placement of “thank you” banners at GWP for sponsorship of the ice rink.

MOTION: Karen Sabatini
SECOND: Pam Fitzgerald
Abstentions: None
Passed

Senior Program Update

No update at this time.

Depot Road Update – Larry Smith/Alex Dittami

Larry Smith from the Depot Advisory Committee (DAC) explained the recommendation presented to the Select Board. The recommendation included 10 designated spaces along the line of vegetation of which 5 will be reserved for Hampton Falls residents using stickers to identify residents. No trailers would be allowed in the designated parking area. Any trash brought in would need to be carried out. Signage would be added to welcome visitors, indicate the hours open and any rules applicable to the use of the location. DAC has recommended seeking a grant to look at the scope of the work and another grant to implement the improvements.

Next steps:

- 1) The Depot Advisory Committee recommended the Parks & Recreation Commission put together a new sub-committee to include representatives from P&R, the Select Board, the Conservation Committee, the Town Improvement Committee and any others deemed appropriate to move the project forward. A joint meeting between the Depot Advisory Committee and Parks & Recreation Commission members to review the recommendation in more detail and to discuss next steps has been scheduled for November 15 at 5:00 pm.
- 2) Seek approval of the Select Board to go forward.

New Business

Town Common/Governor Weare Park “No Parking” Request - Chief Robbie Dirsa

Hampton Falls Chief of Police Robbie Dirsa presented his proposal for new parking restrictions on Rte 88 to improve safety and to respect personal property. There was some concern about the impact the changes proposed would have at Governor Weare Park – the impact on users of the field, the safety of crossing the road, the distance from the school parking lot if field users had to go that far to park. Are there other areas within the field or near the field which could be made available for parking? Another concern was the number of additional signs that would be required.

Chief Dirsa explained that since Rte 88 is a state road, the proposal would need to be submitted to the State of New Hampshire who would, in turn, determine how many and what type of signs would be needed. Submitting the proposal to the state would not be binding; the town could subsequently choose not to go forward with the project, but the State would be the body that would need to define the sign requirements and install the signs.

Next Steps:

- 1) Walk the areas where new parking restrictions have been proposed.
- 2) P&R to request the Select Board to ask Chief Dirsa to approach the State about signage requirements.

Parks and Rec Ideas for Tricentennial

So far plans include a Thursday night concert. A suggestion was made to see if the P&R could work with another group planning a baseball game. No report from Kathy Dittami on children's activities as she was not able to be present for the meeting.

Scarecrow Event – Karen Sabatini

Several scarecrows have already been placed. The P&R scarecrow is currently under construction and will be placed shortly. On Oct 31 a number of fun activities are being lined up for the kids.

Bake Sale on Town Common for Operation Christmas Child - Pam Fitzgerald

On October 24 there will be a bake sale on the Common sponsored by the First Baptist Church to raise funds for Operation Christmas Child.

Storage of Town's donated Christmas Tree supplies - Pam Fitzgerald

The holiday decorations for the bandstand are currently being stored in a private home. We need to pick up these decorations and find a new location for them. Karen Sabatini proposed the Town Hall attic. Pam Fitzgerald and Beth Forgione agreed to pick up the materials and move them.

Other

Adjourn

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:18.

MOTION: Karen Sabatini

SECOND: Pam Fitzgerald

Abstentions: None

Passed

Prepared by: Beth Forgione