

FINAL MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Hampton Falls Town Hall

1 Drinkwater Road

Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Meeting called to order: 6:02 pm

Attendance: Lyn Stan (chair), Karen Sabatini (treasurer), Beth Forgione (secretary), Pam Fitzgerald, Phil Chura, Kathy Dittami, Larry Smith (GWP liason)

Not present: Mark Lane (Selectman Representative),

Review and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2021.

MOTION: Kathy Dittami

SECOND: Karen Sabatini

Abstentions: None

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

	General Ledger	PRC Revolving Fund
Previous Balance (September)	\$9,557.89	\$35,157.96
New Balance (October):	\$4,860.19	\$37,606.22

Old Business:

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

Mark Lane was not present so no update available.

Ice Rink 2022 Season Update – Grant Winnes

Grant Winnis reported the new liner has arrived, a decent number of volunteers have stepped forward and sponsors have donated a large portion of the expense of the new liner. He will be installing the rink at GWP soon.

Due to the expense, lighting will not be available this year, but we will keep this item as one of our long term goals.

Action item – need to determine who is responsible for plowing the GWP parking area and make sure it is cleared so the rink can be used.

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

Several of the P&R commission members did a walk around GWP and the bandstand with Chief Dirsa to review his proposal for modifying the parking restrictions along Route 88. Very helpful to all. The P&R expressed concerns about having too many signs and suggested a next step might be to inquire with the state on what minimum signage might be acceptable. A motion was made for Chief Dirsa to go back to the Select Board with his idea of checking with the state on what minimum signage might be to address his proposal. No further information is available at this time for any additional areas which might be available for off-street parking areas. Chief Dirsa did verify that marked handicapped spaces do not need to be designated.

MOTION: Motion to recommend Chief Dirsa go back to the Select Board with his idea of checking with the state on what minimum signage might be required to address his proposal.

MOTION: Karen Sabatini

SECOND: Pam Fitzgerald

Abstentions: None

Passed

Parks and Recreation Ideas for Tricentennial

Karen Sabatini suggested an old-time baseball game. Kathy Dittami recommended Karen go to the Tricentennial committee with her idea to get feedback. Perhaps Mike Montville could help? Maybe special shirts for the baseball game?

New Business

Farmers Market - Sue Veillieux

Sue Veillieux who has done farmer's markets on the Common before is proposing these markets be resumed. She is proposing Wednesdays from June 1 through the first Wednesday in Oct. from 2-6pm. She is pursuing other vendors to join in.

Christmas Tree Lighting – Karen Sabatini

The tree has been selected at the Tonry Tree Farm. The committee plans to put tree up on Thanksgiving weekend. Karen Sabatini priced white pine garland. Kathy Dittami agreed to order it from Churchills. Need to get sandbags to secure the tree stand Steve Sabatini agreed to build and some red plastic will need to be obtained for a skirt. Wood ornaments have been ordered for the children to decorate and put on the tree (Dec 4). They will be available at the library and other town locations. Also planning to include hot chocolate and a fire pit for Dec 10 when bell ringers will be playing. Karen Sabatini is preparing a flyer to be mailed to all residents about the event on Dec 10.

Other:

Adjourn

MOTION: Move to adjourn at.6:47

MOTION: Karen Sabatini

SECOND: Kathy Dittami

Abstentions: None

Passed

Prepared by: Beth Forgione