

DRAFT MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 20, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Hampton Falls Town Hall

1 Drinkwater Road

Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm

Attendance: Lyn Stan (Chair), Karen Sabatini (Treasurer), Beth Forgione (Secretary), Pam Fitzgerald, Kathy Dittami, Phil Chura

Not present: Mark Lane (Selectman Representative), Larry Smith (GWP Liaison)

Additional Attendees: Alex Dittami

Review and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the meeting on May 16, 2022.

MOTION: Pam Fitzgerald

SECOND: Phil Chura

Abstentions: None

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

	General Ledger	PRC Revolving Fund
Previous Balance (April)	\$32,799.00	\$39,992.99
New Balance (May):	Unavailable at time of meeting	

Old Business:

Governor Weare Park (GWP) Scheduling and Drainage Issues – Mark Lane

As Mark Lane was not present an update from him was not available, but Lyn Stan reported that Jason Farius and Mark Lane had addressed any scheduling issues and that solutions for the drainage issues are being worked. Epping Well did a wire repair on the common and replaced the controller at the GWP and will be turning on the system at GWP on 6/21.

Parks & Rec Tricentennial – Baseball Game at GWP

So far 11 children and 5 adults have signed up for the Home Run Derby. It was agreed the deadline for sign up should be moved out from June 30 to July 10 to have more time for people to register. A deadline is necessary for HYA to do their planning and for ordering t-shirts. Three trophies will be needed. Kathy Dittami as a member of both the PRC and Tricentennial Committee agreed to take care of obtaining the trophies. After reviewing the PRC's proposal for this event the Tricentennial Committee agreed to set aside funds for materials, trophies and food. Since child sized t-shirts are not being provided by the Tricentennial

Committee, the PRC will try to get some child sized t-shirts for the participants of the Home Run Derby.

Summer Camp Update

No update at this time, but all seems to be going well. The camp is being run from July 11 and August 5.

Farmer's Market 2022 Update

The Town of Hampton Falls will be assuming responsibility for the farmers market to make it more of a community event. A recommendation was made to use the town's website automated notification process to send out notices the day before the event each week to remind residents of the market. Efforts will be made to pursue more vendors to participate in the market to include both food and craft items. The June 1 market was rained out, but the June 8 market went off as planned. A motion was made and passed for the PRC to contribute by paying for the music on market days for this year. The farmer's market is held every Wednesday starting June 1 and running until October 5 from 2 - 6:00pm. For information go to

<https://hamptonfallsmarketinfo.weebly.com>

MOTION: Move to contribute \$1080 from the revolving fund to pay for 8 weeks of music at the farmers markets.

MOTION: Karen Sabatini

SECOND: Kathy Dittami

Abstentions: None

Passed

Movie Night on the Town Common

The Select Board approved movie nights on the Town Common. The first movie night will be June 28. The movie will be "Luca" from Pixar. The PRC will reach out to the Lincoln Ackerman PTA to see what contribution can be made to help the movie nights be a success. Currently 5 movies nights are scheduled for this summer.

Senior Program Update

Due to Covid restrictions and concerns, senior programs were not being scheduled. With the lifting of restrictions and the possibility of our older citizens being able to be together again, new programs are being pursued. On Tuesday, August 9 from 6 – 8pm, the 17-piece orchestra Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra will be playing on the Town Common. A flyer has been prepared and will be distributed through the town's website. Karen Sabatini proposed we provide a food discount for any Hampton Falls resident 65 or over for this event, subsidized by the PRC. Discussion is underway to approach the school to see if they would be willing to let us use the LAS gym for programs.

Wayne from Maine on Town Common

Wayne From Maine who is very popular with kids will be performing on Tuesday, July 19 from 6-7 with the Safety Building as the rain location. A flyer will be prepared and distributed using the town's website.

New Business

Rails to Trails – Alex Dittami

Before this meeting Lyn Stan distributed a packet of current information about Rails to Trails. All the town department heads have been invited to a meeting on July 11 to discuss the information in the packet and will be given an opportunity to ask questions and get up to speed on the project. Lyn Stan and Beth Forgione will be attending. Alex Dittami briefly explained some of the pieces of the project directly affecting the Town of Hampton Falls. Some of the topics discussed at this PRC meeting included the space limitations at the end of Depot Road and Brimmer Lane, the possibility of considering other sites in town to provide trailhead facilities, alternate routes for the trail to overcome potential roadblocks by terrain and the Seabrook Power Plant, concerns about the parties who would be responsible for maintaining the trailhead facilities, land acquisition and/or expansion possibilities to provide enough space for trailhead facilities and parking, participants playing a role in the Rails to Trails project, etc. Everyone was asked to forward any issues or questions to Lyn Stan before July 11 which they would like to see addressed at the meeting on July 11.

Other:

Governor Weare Park Sign

Lyn Stan contacted several surrounding towns about how they handle signage in their towns. As an example, Stratham addresses signage as a capital improvement and uses capital improvement funds. At a previous meeting we agreed it would be a good idea to have consistency of signage throughout the town. Beth Forgione suggested that perhaps all signage should be handled by one governing body rather than various commissions and departments and recommended Lyn Stan approach the Select Board to get clarification on how we should go forward.

Adjourn

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:20.

MOTION: Pam Fitzgerald

SECOND: Karen Sabatini

Abstentions: None

Passed

Prepared by: Beth Forgione