

DRAFT MINUTES

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

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

Meeting called to order: 6:04 pm

Attendance: Lyn Stan (Chair), Karen Sabatini (Treasurer), Beth Forgione (Secretary), Phil Chura, Pam Fitzgerald, Kathy Dittami, Linda Savoy, Gisela Manna, Colleen Farias, Larry Smith (GWP Liaison)

Not present: Mark Lane (Selectman Representative)

Guests: Doug Goodman, Alex Dittami

Review and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the meeting on September 19, 2022.

MOTION: Pam Fitzgerald

SECOND: Phil Chura

Abstentions: None

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Ledger</u>	<u>PRC Revolving Fund</u>
Previous Balance (August):	\$ 6,215.28	\$ 50,629.12
New Balance (September):	\$ 6,832.45	\$ 46,160.02

Old Business:

PRC Roles and Responsibilities – Proposed Changes

As discussed in prior PRC monthly meetings, the Select Board expressed an interest in assuming the property management responsibilities currently being performed by the PRC. A brief document was prepared and distributed before this meeting which outlined what that change in role might look like. At this meeting extensive discussion took place regarding the role the PRC should play regarding property management. Input from Larry Smith and Alex Dittami indicated the RSA clearly states the Commission has the authority to manage properties that come under its purview, in particular, Governor Weare Park and the Town Common. A suggestion was made that we needed to decide whether we wanted to go forward with the property management responsibilities. The best way to move forward would be to clarify the 'as is' situation on which properties are included, what programs are currently in place, what programs are planned in the near future, a detailed review of this year's budget and a review of the property management projects in the queue. A workshop was planned for November 7 at 6:pm to work on these topics. We will need to confirm the Town Hall is available at that time. Documentation to be distributed beforehand should include the 2022 budget details, list of projects in the queue, properties currently under the Commission's purview, list of current and proposed programs and their associated costs.

Governor Weare Park (GWP) Scheduling and Drainage Issues

No update this month.

Wreaths Across America Update

Linda Savoy reported the meeting with volunteers is scheduled for October 20 at 6:00pm. She will prepare some detailed documentation on what tasks need to be done and work with the volunteers. A ceremony is being planned on the Town Common for December 17 at 12:00pm. More volunteers are welcome.

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Trunk or Treat/ Scarecrows - Colleen Farias/Gisella Manna

A number of scarecrows have already been placed on the Common. More are expected. Gisella Manna is planning to place a number of pumpkins around the Common as well. Trunk or Treat is a go for Oct 21 at 5:00 pm in the LAS parking lot. There will be a trunk from the commission and possibly a movie playing. Colleen Farias proposed adding some solar lights to light up the scarecrows on the Common with an expenditure of up to \$50.

MOTION: To purchase solar lights to be used for events on the Common, expenditure not to exceed \$50.

MOTION: Colleen Farias

SECOND: Pam Fitzgerald

Abstentions: None

Passed

Ice Rink – Doug Goodman

Doug Goodman reported that he and his team will be installing and maintaining the ice rink again this winter season. Many thanks to Doug and his team. He pointed out there is a water issue that needs to be resolved, but is currently being addressed. Lighting is being considered for special events at the rink.

Men's Basketball League – Colleen Farias

Colleen Farias reported that she is working with LAS to arrange a men's basketball league in the LAS gym. The proposed day and time are Thursday's from 7:00 to 9:00. Confirmation with LAS will be needed and a start date identified.

New Business

Winter Farmers Market

Conversations are underway with LAS about holding a winter Farmer's Market in the school cafeteria or gym two Saturday's a month, possibly 11:00 to 2:00. Will report more at next month's meeting.

Other

Potential Activities

Some ideas for future activities mentioned: yoga, classed wine pairings, flower arranging.

Media

Colleen Farias mentioned there is more we can do to get our message out about events via Facebook and Instagram. She will continue to work on these applications to improve our presence.

Adjourn

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:45 pm

MOTION: Kathy Dittami

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SECOND: Karen Sabatini

Abstentions: None

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Prepared by: Beth Forgione