

DRAFT MINUTES

**Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**

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

Meeting called to order: 6:07 pm

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

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

Review and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the meeting on November 21, 2022.

MOTION: Pam Fitzgerald

SECOND: Karen Sabatini

Abstentions: None

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Ledger</u>	<u>PRC Revolving Fund</u>
Previous Balance (October):	\$ 3,146.00	\$ 45,863.44
New Balance (November):	\$ 2,542.79	\$ 45,865.00

Old Business:

Governor Weare Park (GWP) Update

No update this month.

Wreaths Across America Update

This new program of recognizing deceased veterans by placing wreaths on each of their graves in town took place on December 17. It was well attended with more than one-hundred people on the Town Common for the ceremony, as many as 211 wreaths were placed at grave sites and 8 on the memorial stones on the Town Common. Pictures of the ceremony can be seen on Facebook on the Friends of Hampton Falls and the Recreation Commission sites. We hope to get the school more involved next year. We thank Linda Savoy and the many volunteers for making this ceremony a success. It is planned to remove the wreaths on January 21, time TBD.

Ice Rink Update

Unfortunately, mice got into the old ice rink liner and did significant damage which could not be repaired. As a result, a new liner had to be ordered. The replacement liner has been received and should be filled with water soon. A new storage solution will be needed to safely secure the liner and equipment.

The light poles and strings of lights Colleen and Jason Farias built and placed on the Town Common for winter events will be moved to the ice rink. Many thanks to the Farias family for donating their time to build our portable light system. They are going to be very helpful at multiple sites. It was decided the light generated would not be enough to be obtrusive to abutting neighbors so no special notice would be needed. The plan is to put them on a timer.

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Coleen Farias proposed adding fire pits to the area around the ice rink so skaters and onlookers will have a way to warm up. She also had a way to secure the pits on site for the season. A motion was made to purchase two fire pits for \$260 each if the funds are available in the 2022 budget.

MOTION: Move to purchase two firepits for \$260 each if it is confirmed there are funds available in the 2022 budget.

MOTION: Colleen Farias

SECOND: Karen Sabatini

Abstentions: None

Passed

Christmas Tree Decorating and Lighting Update

This year's tree lighting event saw a larger crowd than in the past. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by fire truck to help light the tree on December 9. Mrs. Claus read the traditional story of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to the crowd. Everyone enjoyed Santa and Mrs. Claus, cocoa and cookies, fire pit and entertainment. We thank those who came out in the rain on December 3 with their creative ornaments to decorate the tree with Santa's help. A suggestion was made to change the timing of when the children put the decorations on the tree. Next year we propose the children place the decorations on the tree the day of the tree lighting. The decorations could be made at the library in the days/weeks before the tree lighting ceremony.

Meeting with Select Board (TBD)

No update at this time.

New Business

No new business this month.

Other

Proposed ideas for next year – remove the word "Parks" from the name of the Commission and become the Recreation Commission, create a logo for the Commission, start a newsletter.

Activity idea – look for opportunities where group sales of events through the Commission could offer discounts, for example, to Music Hall programs.

Adjourn

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:45 pm

MOTION: Karen Sabatini

SECOND: Kathy Dittami

Abstentions: None

Passed

Minutes prepared by: Beth Forgione