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**Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm**

**Present:** Gisela Manna, Chair; Linda Savoy, Treasurer; Kara Dumont, Secretary;  
Pam Fitzgerald, Dianna Kouloheras, Karla Donatelli, Kathy Dittami

**Absent:** Mark Lane, Selectmen Representative; Colleen Farias

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of July 25, 2023.

**MOTION:** Gisela Manna

**SECOND:** Kara Dumont

Abstentions: None

**Passed**

**Treasurer's Report:**

	<b><u>General Ledger</u></b>	<b><u>PRC Revolving Fund</u></b>
<b>Previous Balance (June):</b>	<b>\$1,490.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,760.43</b>
<b>New Balance (July):</b>	<b>\$1,490.00</b>	<b>\$ 56,452.63</b>

**General Account:** \$1,490.00

**Revolving Fund:** \$56,452.63

\$655	Wreaths Across America
\$16	Donations from Rock Event to WAA
\$13,800	Summer camp: salaries, taxes, and expenses of \$11,275
\$442	Wellness Herb class (Rec Comm retains 60%)
\$1,050	Music at the Farmer's Market
\$372	Donna Onacki (60%/40% split)

Wreaths Across America-There is \$541 in the WAA fund for the 2024 event.

Musicians at the Farmers' Market have been paid. It was discussed whether the live music at the Farmers' Market was worth the money. Commission members who have attended the weekly event said it adds to the ambiance of the event.

**Communication Update- Colleen Farias** None

**Old Business:**

**Governor Weare Park Update- Mark Lane** None

**Family Field Day- Gisela Manna**

\$7100 was the total spent on the Family Field Day. Kona Ice was paid by the Police Dept. for the first \$400, an additional \$141 was spent on Kona Ice by the Recreation Commission. The largest expenses for the event were the t-shirts, tent, and inflatables plus the generator. The idea was brought up that the town may want to check on whether there could be increased power at the pole by the parking lot, which would support larger-scale events. It is estimated that 150 people

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attended, including 80 children. It was discussed that the Home Run Derby had fewer participants than anticipated. The Commission discussed ways to increase involvement in the Home Run Derby but to keep it for Hampton Falls residents. The Police Department and Fire Department's participation was much appreciated. The Commission thanks the Police Department for the great idea of the cruiser rides; thank you!

**Storage Container- Colleen Farias**

The Commission discussed that estimates are needed for the shelving for the storage container.

**Wreaths Across America- Linda Savoy**

The official number on the WAA Sponsorship page for the Hampton Falls chapter is NH 0041P. The Commission currently has \$541 for the 2024 event.

**Library Events- Linda Savoy/Kara Dumont**

The Library is having their holiday ornament and Santa event on Saturday morning, Dec. 2nd. The Recreation Commission will promote this event with the Library as part of a larger Holidays in Hampton Falls calendar that will include all of the community holiday events. Flyers will be distributed around town at the Library and Town Hall.

The Commission decided to partner with the Library and the Historic Society for the Lafayette Visit event Sept 1, 2024. The Library plans to discuss a budget and funding with Selectmen and possible use of the Frying Pan Lane fund for this event. It was suggested that the LAS third grade teachers and music teacher should be notified for a possible connection with the NH studies aspect of the curriculum.

**Volunteer Tracking List- Linda Savoy**

Mrs. Savoy created a document that will be located on the Town website for residents to complete for specific volunteer opportunities. This will create a pool of volunteers on which the committee can rely. This Volunteer list will be linked on the Recreation Commission website.

**Avesta/Meadows Senior Center- Linda Savoy/Kathi Dittami**

Mrs. Savoy and Mrs. Dittami are in conversation with Tuesday Orluk about having another Chair Yoga session in September and October.

**Herbal Wellness Program-Kathy Dittami**

The herbal wellness program was discussed. Many attended the first session and enjoyed it but attendance was lower the rest of the summer. There is interest in having additional hands-on events this Fall and Mrs. Dittami is in touch with Donna Onacki.

**New Business:**

**2024 Budget-** The budget is due by Sept. 20th for the Sept. 27th review with the BOS. On Sept 14th the Commission will hold a Special Budget Meeting at 7 pm to prepare the budget for a vote at the Sept. 18th Recreation Commission meeting.

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**Fall Events- Gisela Manna**

Fall events will be discussed at the Sept 18th meeting.

**Other- Gisela Manna**

None

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 8:14 pm.

**MOTION:** Gisela Manna

**SECOND:** Linda Savoy

Abstentions: None

**Passed**

**Prepared by:** Kara Dumont 8/21/2023

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