

Recreation Commission Working Group Meeting – Town of Hampton Falls, NH

May 10th 2023

Meeting comes to order: 7:04

Members present: Dianna Kouloheras, Kara Dumont, Gisela Manna, Linda Savoy, Kathy Dittami, Pam Fitzgerald, Lynn Stan, and Colleen Farias

Members have gathered to discuss ideas for the fall of 2023 and calendar year 2024.

Discussed a Family Field Day type of event in the evening with games for adults and kids modeled on a similar event in Hampton. Possible ideas: Ninja inflatable, home run derby, food truck or fire department grill with burgers. Would the fire dept be able to grill? Probably not, too busy with just a skeleton crew during the summer. *Could we borrow the grill?*

Tentative date: Sunday, Aug 20th, 2-4 pm.

We will need to confirm with Karen A if that date would work.

GM: Reviewed the list of current events to ensure RC was aware of events the RC might be responsible for.

RC is responsible for:

-Senior Concert-might not have one if Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand has 13 great shows all summer. What types of alternative events would seniors like on a regular basis? How do we determine this information? Alternative for a senior event could be a bus trip to an event like Ogunquit Playhouse, Prescott Park, etc. this would be a monthly event opportunity for seniors. Other monthly ideas might be a coffee hour, bridge game, etc. Trips with transportation might be more focussed toward home bound or seniors who don't have a driver's license. We discussed senior programs for the +127 HF senior adults and what programs they would enjoy. We discussed methods to survey the community to identify recreation needs in the community. Mail? Google Form via email? Form left at the library?

Recreation Group for Seniors—new name “Prime Timers”. *Gisela will ask Karen Anderson to get a list of Prime Timers that we could get in touch with to offer “Prime Timers” programming to.*

Should we get a Recreation Commission table at the Farmers Market, every few weeks, to hand out flyers with RC events? This would bring awareness to upcoming RC events.

We could also have our interest survey available to distribute. This might be a good way to gather survey info throughout the summer. RC decided not to pursue a table there because there would not be enough visibility to enough HF residents to make it worthwhile.

Does RC want to consider the Warriors FC shed as a snack shack for events held at Gov. Weare park? Items for sale would be sodas, waters, chips, pre-packaged types of snacks. The profits would benefit the recreation commission fund. We would need volunteers to purchase items, man the snack shack, store items after. If a Warrior event was happening, they would man it and use it for their own profit. The RC and other volunteers could man it for other events that occur at the park. The RC profits would fund the revolving fund.

Summer Camp- No RC action needed.

Wayne from Maine- Library, is it time for a different act? *All members will come to Monday, May 15th RC meeting with one possible alternative idea.*

Craft Fair-Not RC

Scarecrow-pumpkins and scarecrows. Was a fun event, we will do again next year.

Trunk or Treat- RC sponsors a car- *we'll need to increase the budget to \$200*

Memorial Day Service-May 29th, 9am how can we get more family/children awareness? Make sure it is posted on the sign on the Common, the digital sign at the school, ask Beth to announce it

Bake Sale at Church (Common)-not RC

Wreaths Across America- subcommittee of RC (see WAA volunteer gifts note below)

Christmas Tree Lighting/Decorating- Friday, Dec 8th, kids ornaments will go on the tree the night of the lighting (RC event), ornaments will be made at the library the previous week (not a RC event)

Linda will call Weezie to ask if she can play Mrs. Claus.

Rink- RC want to have it again next year. Lyn had volunteers to help. RC got a new liner this year. Sadly, only open 2 days due to the weather. Kevin Merrill will be the team leader for next year. Karen A has volunteer statements next year's volunteers will need to fill out to protect the town.

Basketball-RC, but no funds required

Volunteer Gifts- RC-Linda- for Wreaths Across America. Because the volunteers came from the community Linda wanted to provide some volunteer gifts for those community members who gave significant time. Will the money come from Frying Pan Fund? If so, how far in advance do we need to request that. This is a patriot event and Frying Pan Fund covers patriotic and recreation programs.

Next working group meeting: Date to be determined at the RC meeting on May 15th, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 8:30