

## Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

18 September 2023

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Franceseo~~ (Selectman ) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary), Jenny Evans, Adar Fejes, Nate Fuller, Maryanna Swanson

Guest – Heidi Emmons

This meeting was held in person at the Town Hall.

1) **Minutes** - the minutes of 10 July 2023 were accepted.

2). Budgets:	Recreation	Beach
	\$3,288	\$1,260
	<u>(\$33,892)</u>	<u>(\$1,318)</u>
	(\$30,604)	(\$58.00)

Revolving Fund – Presently at \$33,431

Scholarship Fund – Presently at \$3,813 with some adjustments pending from Summer Escape.

Budget 2024- 2025 – Budget proposals for the next fiscal year are due to the Select Board on December 4 with review by the Select Board and Budget Committee on December 6. Wendy will bring a draft of her budgets to the Recreation Board at the October meeting – likely October 16<sup>th</sup>.

3) Beach Update:

- Wendy reported that the Beach Attendant she hired in mid-July worked out very well. She did a great job and the demeanor at the Beach changed for the better due to the attendant's diligence. On the whole the summer was quite good considering the rough start with no attendants present.

- Jenny offered the Board a written summary of her impressions and report of interactions with persons using the beach all summer. She reiterated that after the Beach Attendant started working life at the Beach improved. Jenny did strongly suggest that we look at the salary we offer to the Beach Attendants to help make sure we can have complete coverage.

- Swim Lines were removed on September 5<sup>th</sup> and Wendy did receive a complaint that this was too early.

- Wendy also reported that she received a few complaints about the Port -a-Potties. Complaints ranged from doors not working properly, the units not level, and even someone complained that the company name and phone number are on the units!

4) Programs:

- Pickle Ball – 20 active participants – going well – times are being adjusted due to shorter daylight hours. Indoor Pickle Ball sign-ups are full with long wait list and will be starting in October and going through February.

- Basketball has started with 13 participants.

- Badminton has started with 4-6 participants

- Volleyball – starts this week.

- Tai Chi – starts soon

- Yoga – still going meeting 2x/week

- Basket Making – strong sign-ups as usual

- Family Paint Night – starting up with a number of families

- Adult Vocal – a new offering is in the works

- Summer Concert Series – Nate reported (and others did as well) that this was a very good summer with strong attendance, good music and food truck service worked out very well. He had to postpone two of the Thursday night performances due to rain, but the rain dates of following Monday worked really well.

- Summer Escape – Wendy reported that she was really pleased at how well the summer program ran and she will be having a year-end review session with the two directors soon. Both of the directors have suggested that they wish to do this again next summer!
- Trunk or Treat – Adar will again be organizing this Halloween event.
- Holiday Activity – Adar suggested that we consider offering some kind of Holiday event in December. It was suggested that it would be good to coordinate with the Library and other organizations.

5) Other –After our business concluded Tom and Wendy asked Heidi Emmons if she would be interested in officially joining the Holderness Recreation Board. Heidi immediately said she would. Wendy mentioned that Tom would be sending a nomination request to the Select Board and that after the request is granted Heidi should report to the Town Clerk to be officially sworn in.

6) **Next meeting:** Tentatively set for 16<sup>th</sup> of October – Wendy will confirm via email.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Sutcliffe  
Secretary