

## Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

13 July 2020

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Francesco~~ (Selectman ) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary) Janis Messier, Amanda Bussolari, Jenny Evans, Nate Fuller, ~~Adam Fejes~~  
This meeting was held via Zoom with Wendy being the host.

1) Minutes of our Zoom meeting on 29 June 2020 were accepted.

2) Review of Beach Activities-

The purpose of this meeting was to review the operations of the Town Beach in response to our recent opening of the Beach with regard to public safety and social distancing.

- Wendy started the meeting with her general assessment and asked Tom and Nate to report if they had any new reports following up on the few concerning comments they received after the first week of the Beach opening.

Tom and Nate reported that they have not received any more detailed comments and that generally it seems that the “problems” evolved from peoples’ different interpretations of “safe distancing”. Overall the Board appeared to feel that in general the beach goers are doing a good job and that we should continue on our present course.

- Wendy and Jenny mentioned a series of problems that turned out to be related to the same group of young adults. At one point they were playing soccer at the beach and perhaps partying. In another incident the same young adults gave the beach attendant a “hard time”. She called the police and by the time the police arrived, the people in question had left the beach, however the beach attendant was able to identify the individuals using the beach pass number. Our Chief of Police responded immediately and drove to the home of the individuals and approached them and their parents. The end result is the Chief told the young people they were not longer able to use the beach, but the parents can use the pass themselves. It was recommended that the Board spend some time in future meeting discussing if and how we should “suspend” beach pass use.

- One other problem a beach attendant had to deal with was a person started using a remote-control boat. At first the person relented, but later on became confrontational and insisted that he/she should be able to use RC boats since this is not mentioned in the rules.

- On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July a non-Holderness family showed up and quickly set up a cookout grill for a family picnic. When asked about their activity they said that the Holderness Beach was mentioned as a place to do so by someone at a beach in the Laconia area. They politely packed up and left when told that the beach was for Holderness residents/taxpayers only.

3) Other:

Wendy reported that she and the Town’s legal team have developed a special covid-19 waiver for all Tennis Lesson participants to sign. Tennis lessons start on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A good number of students in each class.

4) Next meeting date: TBD

Respectfully Submitted.

George Sutcliffe