

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

22 January 2019

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Francese~~ (Selectman) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary) ~~Janis Messier~~, Amanda Bussolari, Jenny Evans, ~~Nate Fuller~~, Guest – Anne Packard

1) Minutes of 3 December, 2018 were accepted with one word change.

2) Correspondence : Wendy shared an email message she received from William Van Bennekum regarding a newly adopted policy regarding the use of HCS during holidays, snow days and vacations. In summary, the new policy prohibits the use of HCS by all Holderness Recreation programs whenever the School is closed due to the previous mentioned conditions. Anne Packard – representing the Early Bird Exercise program – shared her frustrations with the new policy. Early Bird Exercise has been using HCS for more than 24 years 3 mornings per week. Her program starts at 5:30 AM. The new policy has generated a problem with her program in two ways: 1) in snowy weather her program starts at about the same time that the decision to call a snow day is made. By that time all the participants in the program are already in the room and exercising. and 2) Her program meets 3 times per week all year. This means that during vacations and holidays she can no longer run her program.

Wendy shared a letter from the coordinator of the volleyball program who voiced similar frustrations with the new policy. They have always run the program during school vacations and holidays.

Wendy will meet with Mr. Van Bennekum to discuss our concerns about how this new policy affects our on-going programs. She will report back to the Board.

3) Beach –

Wendy offered a revised draft of an ordinance that we are considering to have the Select Board to adopt regarding the rules of the Town Beach and their ultimate enforcement. Wendy has reviewed other towns' ordinances and she even found what appears to be an ordinance-like document adopted by the Select Board in 1989. Wendy also sought considerable input from Chief Patridge. The Board reviewed the document in detail and made a few minor suggestions in wording and positioning of the rules in the document. In particular we discussed when to close the road in the early winter and when to open the road in the spring. It was ultimately decided that the Holderness Police will close the road around November 1st and remove the sign around May 1st. Also discussed was the need to specify that dogs and other animals are not allowed. Wendy will make the suggested changes and then will review the document with Michael Capone who will then present it to the Select Board and SLCS for input/approval.

4) Budgets: This fiscal year to date.

Recreation	Beach
(\$42,662)	(\$5,172)
<u>\$ 9,828</u>	<u>\$1,230</u>
(\$32,834)	(\$3,942)

Revolving Fund:

Net for January 2018 – January 2019 = \$1,030
Net for July 2018 – Dec 31, 2018 = (\$2,696)

5) Other –

The Board updated our contact information

6) Next meeting date: February 19th at 5:30