

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

March 2 2021

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

1) Minutes of our Zoom meeting on 8 February 2021 were tabled.

2) Budgets: Tabled

3) Beach – Tabled

4) Programs-

- Swimming 2021 - Wendy went over some proposed changes to the swim lesson program in hopes that we can run them this summer. She and the instructor had a great conversation and discussed the following:
 - Both feel it is so important to keep teaching the water safety skills being a waterfront community
 - General COVID procedure
 - Instructor on shore or in water but not touching students.
 - Not a face mask, but a face shield would work
 - Noodle rings to have kids in so they have a physical barrier for not getting too close
 - Smaller group sizes
 - Possibly Create lanes with rope to keep students apart
 - Less facility needed since we will not be using the raft
 - Pre program screening either by attendants or instructor
 - Classes:
 - Mom and me class = parent in the water, no instructor contact needed
 - L 1 & L2 = little to no instructor contact and encourage parent to be in water to assist with child positioning
 - L3 and up = No instructor contact needed
 - Adult class earlier in the day
 - Impact on facility and passholders. Instead of 2 solid weeks totaling 10 classes we do 3 days for 3 weeks Mon – Wed. Staying away from high impact days Thurs – Sunday.

Discussion: The board thinks it is a good idea to have lessons and thought the outlined changes made sense. Registrations focused on residents for now and if there is room left in classes, we can assess adding non-residents later. Vaccines are rolling out so that is good and looking at the larger picture, we are in a better place coming into this summer than last year.

- Easter event 2021 - Adar suggested having an Easter event to get families outside. This is our draft proposal
 - **What is it:** A photo based Egg Hunt through the Holderness Town Forest. Eggs and other items will be hung from trees and placed in other locations along the trail for you to take photos and selfies of to submit with your participation form. The trail is about 2 miles total. You will gravel in and out on the same trail. Once you have finished the hunt /walk, you can email your completed form to recreation @holderness-nh.gov and you will be entered for a drawing for an Easter basket.
 - **Where is it:** Holderness Town Forest - This property consists of 45 acres and is located just north of the Pilote Forest on Beede Road. There is a small parking lot on the south side of the road. Just to the west of the Town maintenance sheds the property was designated a town forest by a vote of the town in 1972. Part of the property was once mined for gravel and some old building debris is still evident.
 - **When is it:** April 2 – April 4 during daylight hours.
 - **How long will it take:** About 40 minutes depending on how quickly you walk the trail
 - **What is the trail like:** Description to be added.
 - **Parking & Participating:** There are only a couple of parking spots at the trail head, so we ask that you use good judgement and only participate when you can park safely in the parking area provided. Please do not park on the road. While on the trail, please use a face covering if you are within 6 feet of another family and stay socially distant for the duration of your time on the trail.
 - **Who is it for:** Families in the Holderness area

- What needs to be done: set up the trail Friday morning or Thursday afternoon and then take down the trail on Sunday afternoon or Monday. Purchase or make an Easter Basket or two for the drawing. Perhaps a good idea to have a representative there?

Discussion: The board would prefer it to be focused on Holderness Residents and it was decided to have a reservation system in place to help limit the number of families on the trail at the same time. Wendy will set up the registration through the RecDesk program. Wendy will not be in town that weekend, so it may be a good idea to have volunteers to check in during the weekend to see how it is going. It would be hard to regulate without reservations. Wendy and Adar are planning to walk the trail to confirm that it is a good match for the event. The Consv. Comm. thinks it is a good idea and are willing to help out.

Liability – having pre-registration will also help with liability since people have to acknowledge the waiver when registering.

5) Correspondence: Pete Helm from Squam Lakes Conservation Society has asked to be on the next agenda to talk about Trees, invasive species on the property and winter use at the beach.

6) Next meeting date: March 15th by Zoom at 5:30 ,

Respectfully Submitted.

Wendy