

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

20 March 2023

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

This meeting was held in person at the Town Hall.

1) **Minutes** - the minutes of 6 February 2023 were accepted.

2). Budgets:

Recreation and Beach budget report for 2022 -2023 as of 12/31/22

	Recreation	Beach
	(\$47,129)	(\$6,636)
<u>\$5,994</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>	
	(\$41,135)	(\$5,136)

Budget for 2023-2024 passed.

- Scholarship Fund has approximately \$3,292 with several small donations added recently.
- Revolving Fund – no formal complete update available, but to date for the fiscal year we are at \$-48.21

3) Beach and Summer Escape Updates:

- Wendy reported that we are in need of securing Beach Attendants as none of last year's attendants will be returning. She has posted the job opening at several local places and on-line.

- Wendy will speak with Kevin of the DPW regarding his timeline regarding the erosion control and sand renewal projects at the Town Beach.

- Composting toilets – Wendy broached the subject of looking into investing in composting toilet(s) for the Town Beach. She passed around a brochure and some discussion transpired. She has contracted for delivery of the standard port-a-potties for the Beach, Gazebo, and tennis courts as we did last year. The Board will continue to explore the feasibility of purchasing composting toilets for the Beach.

- Summer Escape – Unfortunately we are now looking to hire a co-director. Wendy has started the search. She is also looking to hire a few staff – full counselors, JC's and reinstituting the CIT program. Registration for Summer Escape opened this past week and already we have applications for all sessions: 11, 8, 17, 18, 17, and 13 for the six sessions. Registration will be open for non-residents starting soon.

4) Programs:

- Many programs are starting up and generally have good attendance and sign-ups are strong.

- Wendy has worked with our previous swim instructor and the one we have hired for this summer.

Because this summer's instructor lacks experience the previous instructor has agreed to be a mentor. Wendy has arranged for the new instructor to take the Red Cross Life Saving course this spring and has also arranged for a mentored swim instruction session for a few children to gain experience prior to the summer.

- Summer Concerts – Nate has just begun to gear-up for this summer's programs.

- Easter Egg Hunt – Adar has begun to organize this year's event. She is hoping that all the snow will be gone and the trails not too muddy for the event. Maryanna will be assisting Adar.

5) Other –

- Microphone Repair – last winter an errant basketball in our Monday evening basketball session smashed a microphone that belonged to HCS. Wendy reported that the repair costs came to a little over \$500. The Board agreed that we should pay for this using funds from the Revolving Account since this was an unanticipated expense.

- Tom reported that after discussion with Janis Messier, Janis has decided to step down from her Board Membership. Janis became a member of the Board in June of 2004 and has provided considerable insight and direct communication regarding the use of HCS. We greatly appreciate her wisdom and ideas over the last 20 years. The Board will, at our next meeting, discuss how we can formally thank Janis for her commitment to Holderness Recreation.

6) **Next meeting:** 17th April, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
George Sutcliffe
Secretary