

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

15 October 2018

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Franceseo~~ (Selectman) – ~~Biff Sutcliffe~~ (secretary) Janis Messier, ~~Amanda Bussolari~~, Jenny Evans, Nate Fuller – Public Susan Beeson

- 1) Secretary's Reports – Minutes of 20 August & September 17<sup>th</sup> were tabled due to not enough members present.
- 2) Beach Update – Review of Beach use and discussion of enforcement of regulations was moved to the top of the agenda to accommodate public input.
  - a. Tom gave a summary: Since the last meeting Wendy, Jenny and Tom met with Chief Patridge as well as Susan Beeson to discuss use of the town beach during hours when it is not staffed and how to enforce the rules of the beach year round. There was discussion of a variety of ideas from closing the beach off entirely to writing an ordinance that the police can enforce.
    - i. As neighbors of the beach property, Jenny and Susan are concerned with the amount of use that happens at the beach during off hours as well as people that are directly breaking the rules of the beach i.e. landing watercraft at the beach and using the beach without passes.
    - ii. The Chief is willing to help us, but needs us to determine what needs to be enforced and the vehicle that will be used to enforce it – ordinance, calling 911, closing property etc.
    - iii. The beach is staffed about 30% of the time in season and 6 – 7% in a year round picture.
  - b. Susan Beeson and Jenny Evans spoke from an abutters point of view – Susan noted that when the raft is in and the lines are out that it can be dangerous for swimmers with boats coming in and actually tying up to the raft. Also being awoken at 10:30 at night to the shrills of people swimming and being on the beach. Jenny passed out a MOU between the Town and SLCS and would like to see this topic attended to at future meetings to draft an ordinance / and define how to “police” the property.
  - c. Wendy thought that the ordinance would allow the PD the ability to enforce fines when misuse of the property ensues. An ordinance may be able to be approved at the Select Board level and not need to go before town meeting.
  - d. Tom noted that he had informed Pete Helm at SLCS that these issues are being discussed
  - e. Wendy noted that Sandwich and Moultonboro both take their lines out at the same time as Holderness and that they too deal with off season use and how to manage it. Moultonboro has an ordinance in place noting some specific infractions that are tied to a \$75 penalty. We typically take out the lines as soon after Labor Day as possible because of the help received from Camp Deerwood's boat and the still moderate weather conditions. The raft is hauled out by Squam Docks at their convenience once the lines are out.
  - f. There was discussion about reviewing the signage at the beach and to consider rewording the signs, possibly a sign on the raft once the lines are out noting that boats are still not allowed.

3) Budget Updates: 2018/2019 as of 10/5

• Recreation	Beach
(\$34,167.42)	(\$4,957.41)
\$7,696	\$1,230
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Budget planning: 2019/2020

Beach Budget:

- Wendy reviewed preliminary changes to the beach budget which include raising the attendant wage from 10/hr to 10.50 / hr
- Increasing contract Work /Services by \$145 due to increase in water testing fees and raft services
- Increasing Equipment by \$300 due to the anticipation of purchasing new signs
- Decreasing Equipment / Rental / Lease by \$250 and decreasing Sand & Gravel by \$300.

Recreation Budget:

- Wendy reviewed preliminary changes to the recreation budget which included increasing Temporary position wages by \$800

- Increasing Field Trip Entry Fees by \$300
- Increasing Miscellaneous fees by \$120 due to the increase in fees for background checks.
- Increasing Transportation by \$200
  - There was some discussion about the challenge of planning for next summer with counselor rates and not knowing who will come back and who will not. Therefore Wendy is planning a range of pay rates and number of positions that can be moved around and adjusted once we know how many counselors we have and what their experience levels are.
  - Another challenge is to look at whether or not we can attend more offsite activities during the last week of the program to help alleviate our impact on the school during /and after the custodians have cleaned certain rooms.

4) Programs –

- Financial Planning – Cancelled
- Woodworking – Cancelled
- Swing Dance – 9 participants
- Basket Making – being offered three times this winter – first session is full
- OHRV – being offered again this year –
- Basketball, Volleyball and Badminton – all going well so far.

5) Beach Update- noted above

6) Correspondence – none to report

7) Other

8) Next Meeting –

October 29th @ 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Werner, Recreation Director