

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

20 September 2021

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

This meeting was held in person at the Town Hall.

- 1) Minutes - August 23rd were accepted with two additional items: Wendy will make the additions.
- 2) Budget Update Budgets: For Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Recreation	(\$12,383)	Beach	(\$2,873)
	<u>\$3,733</u>		<u>\$570</u>
	(\$8,650)		(\$2,303)

Revolving Fund = presently at \$35,735

Fiscal Year 2022-2023: Wendy is working on draft and will present next month. Much of the draft will be the same as this year, but we will focus on pay rate for Summer Escape staff as the likely major changes in the proposal.

3) Beach –

- * Camp Deerwood removed all the swim lines on 9/20 for the winter.

- * As in the previous meeting the Board discussed how to address the issue of the slipperiness of the walkway between the parking lot and the beach. A wet summer combined with clayey fines working to the surface have made the walkway slippery and is a possible hazard. Discussion followed. Ideas about solutions: place layers of stone or wood chips on top. Wendy will consult with Kevin Colburn, and she may arrange an on-site meeting to explore options.

- * Wendy has contacted SLCS regarding erosion control. She will suggest that we have an on-site meeting with Kevin Colburn and Pete Helm from SLCS to look at options.

- * Swim Raft - The consensus of the Board is that we should research replacing the raft with some sort of synthetic (HDPE) raft that has a non-cavity bottom. Our insurance representative made this suggestion. It was agreed by all that the cost of the raft should come out of the Revolving Fund. Wendy and others will research sources and prices. Because we will be paying for the raft from the Revolving Fund we will not need to include this in our upcoming budget proposal.

- * Biff mentioned that when he removed the Swim Buoy he noticed that the lettering and warning tape are in poor shape and we should see if we can replace the decals without having to purchase a new buoy as the buoy itself is in fine shape. Wendy and Biff will investigate.

4. Program Report –

- Tai Chi – has started up as an in-person activity

- Basket Classes – will resume this fall with 6 rather than 8 participants. Full sign-up already.

- Ballroom Dancing – 1 class with 4 people

- Wendy is looking to see if drummer Jared Steer would be interested in running a workshop for perhaps adults, kids and families during the winter. Wendy had Jared perform at a Summer Escape event this summer and it was well received.

- Evening use of HCS this fall – Wendy presented drafts of our registration form for Basketball and other activities. This season we will require all participants to register online and pay for such online as well. The Board had a long discussion about COVID protocols and our activities in general. While the Town policies do not stipulate anything about requiring vaccination, there is a consensus within the Board that we desire to include some statement that reflects our endorsement that being vaccinated is important for the health of all participants in our sponsored activities. Wendy will speak with the Select Board to get their opinion regarding having us include the following statement on all our registration forms: “All participants in our programs are encouraged to be fully vaccinated if eligible for such.”

- Town Concert Series – Nate reported that he has begun the process of developing a network of support and will meet with the Select Board at their next meeting to seek their support so that he can actively seek financial and/or in-kind support of local businesses and organization in pursuit of establishing a concert series in 2022. Wendy has provided Nate with numerous documents from our previous concert series. Nate hopes to have enough groundwork done by our next meeting so that we can consider including this in our 2022-2023 budget.

- Adar is working on ideas for a Town-wide Halloween celebration.

5. Next meeting: October 18th at 5:30 upstairs in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
George Sutcliffe
Secretary