

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 04.05.2022

Approval: revised

Recorded By: Matthew Frye

Submitted By: Janice Coffill

1 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – MATTHEW FRYE, DAVE RUTH, JANICE COFFILL, SCOTT**
2 **BLEWITT, BETH BOUDREAU**

3 **COMMUNITY MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE – JUDY MARTIN-ROYCE, WADE SAULS, RICH TOBIN, SANDI**
4 **SILVA, VIENA DOW, JESSY LEBLANC**

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6 Meeting Schedule Start: 6:00 pm

7 Meeting Actual Start: 6:00

8 Meeting Scribe: Janice Coffill

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10 **Meeting minutes from last meeting approved**

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12 1. A motion was made by Janice Coffill to appoint Matthew Frye as the new recreation commission
13 chair. Janice Coffill will continue as secretary. There were some community members interested in
14 joining the recreation commission. Matt Frye went over how to proceed with becoming a recreation
15 commission member and gave our scheduled meeting times. In addition, community members are
16 always welcome to volunteer at any events, etc.
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- 18 2. Easter Egg Hunt: This year's Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for April 16. There are currently 115
19 children registered for this event. Commission members raised concerns over the fields being too
20 wet to allow for parking on them thereby causing parking issues for the event. Attendants will be
21 needed to keep parking in the proper places. Volunteers will be needed for event to run smoothly.
22 Currently, Scott Blewitt will have Coe Brown students stuffing eggs and candy donations are
23 continuing to come in.
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- 25 3. The recreation commission would like the Recreation Department to hold the Spring Fishing Derby
26 as we have in years past. Scott Blewitt will get in touch with Saddleback Campground owner, Carl
27 Sylvester, who has allowed us to hold this event in the past. Recreation Department will purchase
28 fish to stock pond at Saddleback Campground. No fishing license is required as it is private
29 property. We can use trophies already purchased for prizes.
- 30 4. Northwood Lake Beach sign needs to be replaced. There have been three designs submitted for
31 voting and recreation commission members chose one. Scott Blewitt will arrange to have the sign
32 made up and signage will coordinate with the signs placed at other recreation areas in town. The
33 Shed will re-shingled at Northwood Beach.
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- 35 5. Spring Soccer currently has 106 children signed up. Sponsors have been arranged for all teams.
36 The lower and upper fields will be used at Route 4 Athletic Fields. There are 65 preK/Kindergarten
37 kids, 24 1st & 2nd Grade, 30 3rd & 4th grades, 17 5-8 grades. Jess Leblanc has arranged for coaches
38 and volunteers. Games and practices will be staggered to allow for proper parking and traffic flow.

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6. Archery classes for ages 8-88 started on 4/5 and been well attended. More classes will be arranged due to popularity of this offering.
7. Summer Soccer Camp: Currently there are 22 kids signed up. Camp is a one hour session for little children. ½ day sessions are available for older children
8. Fort Building with all natural elements will be held at entrance to trails at upper field area on July 5 & 7th. Currently there are 15 children signed up with a maximum of 25. Scott will run this program with possible volunteers from UNH which Matt Frye will look into. Community members asked that a later session be added after summer school sessions end.
9. Playground/Fields Update: The replacement panels for the fire truck at the playground have been received but have not yet been installed. Commission members asked that they be installed before the Easter Egg Hunt if possible. Janice Coffill spoke on behalf of Friends of Northwood Recreation. Friends of Northwood Recreation should be receiving a ship date on the additional playground equipment purchased by Friends of Northwood Recreation in the next day or two. The equipment will be shipped to Town of Northwood town hall and the Friends of Northwood Recreation will alert Scott Blewitt when they obtain shipment notification. Friends of Northwood Recreation member, Viena Dow, has arranged for Tasker Well to put a well in at the upper fields area. In addition, the cistern at the lower field area will be closed and removed thereby allowing the Friends group to work on grading the entrance to the lower playground area to make it easily accessible. In order for the new well to be useable, it is necessary to have power brought to the area. Janice Coffill will supply Scott Blewitt with the phone number obtained from a local citizen for Eversource. Porta potty has been placed at Playground area but Dave Ruth asked that it be moved as soon as possible from underneath the pavilion. Scott Blewitt will need to arrange for gravel to be put down so the porta potty can be moved to a different spot.
10. Friends of Northwood Recreation has received approval from Coe Brown for students to volunteer for our spring clean up and work on the playgrounds and picnic area later this spring. These will be used for community service hours for students. Friends of Northwood Recreation will begin work on the picnic area soon and will be purchasing new picnic tables for that area along with benches for the lower and upper playground. New benches will also be installed outside the upper playground fence and work will continue at the memorial tree area.
11. Warrant Article passed for the work on the upper fields area. Commission members asked that Scott arrange to get this moving as soon as possible. Town will be starting the master plan process. Matt Frye has volunteered to work on the recreational piece of this. Commission members would like to have some public input for future development of the Athletic Fields area. Janice Coffill stressed that fields area should incorporate ideas for all ages as we move forward in development of the area.
12. Matt Frye and Scott Blewitt are working on the Moose Plate program/grant which may provide up to \$20K for repair to historical buildings. Scott obtained a quote for foundation repair of Center School Building in the amount of \$28,000.00. Commission members thought the funds might be better spent on other repairs to the building like roof, electrical, bathroom renovations or improved access to the building.

- 87 13. Northwood Recreation will be holding a sale of donated sports equipment on April 9.
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- 89 14. The Lions club have volunteered to paint the shed and we discussed moving the shed to the fields
90 to take the place of the pods that will be repurposed to the highway department.
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- 92 15. Janice Coffill raised the possibility of the recreation commission researching improvements
93 to Lucas Pond area. This will be moved to our next agenda.
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- 95 16. Porta potties will be placed at town beaches by Memorial day. Scott will look into having sand put
96 on beaches and will contact the necessary State department to inquire.
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