

# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 01/13/2022

Approval: revised

Recorded By: Ashley Martin

Submitted By: Janice Coffill

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – JANICE COFFILL, ASHLEY MARTIN, MATT FRYE, SCOTT BLEWITT**

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:**

Meeting Schedule Start: 6:00 pm

Meeting Actual Start: 6:00

Meeting Scribe: Janice Coffill

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**Center School Updates:** Foundation work should be first order of business in repairing Center School. Scott Blewitt will search contractors that are able to do this work and get quotes. Scott has Electrical, HVAC and Plumber coming to offer quotes for repair. Bathroom is not currently usable.

Janice Coffill asked about lead paint testing. Community members had discussed offering testing to rec facebook page. Commission has asked that Scott Blewitt follow up with offer so that painting, etc can be handled correctly.

Commission members asked about aid and help with repairs from community members and groups that have expressed interest in using Center School for meetings, etc.

Arts and Crafts were offered in the center school during January, run by Payson Mooso who was on winter break from college. The sessions were well attended by children and few adults.

Scott Blewitt and Payson are holding a heart frame arts and crafts session at the cost of \$10.00 per child. Recreation commission members asked that Scott Blewitt reach out to Coe Brown to see if a student would be interested in continuing the arts and crafts sessions through the next few months, after school.

Ashley Martin will check on history of the building. Commission members asked about possibility of any grants for historical building restoration.

Ashley Martin asked about the legality of fundraising by the town recreation department. Matt Frye advised that it is not allowed. Outside groups can provide aid or donations.

**Basketball:** Basketball program continues and is going well. Scott Blewitt was able to get sponsors for the basketball team shirts. Recommended that Scott Blewitt work with school athletic director for needs, rather than principal.

**Fishing Derby :** Ice Fishing Derby is scheduled for 2/26/2021 from 8-12. Commission members asked that Scott Blewitt send a thank you note to Kendra & Jon Berry for the donation of new ice fishing tip ups to the Recreation Department, as he was not in the office at the time the traps were dropped off. Approval has been obtained by Ashley Martin for use of Coe Brown parking lot and Ashley is working with the Congregational Church hall to see if they would like to participate, as they have in the past. Scott Blewitt will arrange for volunteers for Fishing Derby day for set up, and plan pre-registration through RecDesk. Will also find help with measuring and weighing fish. Scott Blewitt will order trophies from Crown Trophy and Janice Coffill has offered to pick up at the Hooksett, NH location. Norm Royce has offered his assistance for drilling holes. Janice Coffill has been in contact with Mike McGinn from Northwood fire regarding their offer to run a concession stand outside, the day of the event. FF McGinn will get back to us regarding what they are able to offer. Matt Frye will arrange for permit for fishing derby. Janice Coffill will reach out to Amy Spainhower to see if she is willing to do photos the day of the event. Chris Brown informally agreed to provide bait.

**Playground and Fields:** The town is making sure the road to the playground and fields are being plowed. We will see about holding a Family Winter Fun day, if weather and snow conditions permit.

Janice Coffill is still in contact with Premier Park to check on replacement panels for the fire truck structure. There is a lead time on materials at this time.

Also considering an ice-skating town event at Northwood Lake.

Be Kind writing contest announced. Rec commission members will judge entrees at their next meeting.

**Equipment Swap Event:** Scott Blewitt will hold the event at Center School in April

**Mac n Cheese Throwdown:** Scott Blewitt posted a Mac N Cheese throwdown but no date yet provided.

**Old Home Day:** Scott Blewitt expressed an interest in doing an Old Home Day event, perhaps coinciding with the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Commission members mentioned reaching out to the committee regarding their plans thus far, as well as members that planned Bean hole Bash in the past.

**Finances: No changes**

**Town Report:** Ashley Martin provided write ups and photos from the Recreation Commission and from the nonprofit, Friends of Northwood Recreation.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:00**

