

Plaistow Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date/Location: December 8, 2021, 6:30 PM, Recreation Office, Town Hall Annex, 14 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH

Meeting Called to Order: 6:38 PM

Attendance:

- Kerry Patles
- Patrick Buckley
- Tina Dufrense
- Leah MacKean
- Kristin Savage
- Bill Coye, Board of Selectmen Liaison
- Jennifer Gusler, Recreation Director

Guest Attendance:

- Jennifer Bird (2nd meeting)

Excused:

- Susan Sherman
- John Sherman

1. Approve Minutes

- a. September 2021 Work Session
 - i. Reviewed
 - ii. No approval necessary
- b. November 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve: Kristin
 - ii. Second: Tina
 - iii. Passes 5-0-0

2. Warrant Article

- a. In future, protocol is to submit with CIP
- b. This year, submit by tomorrow (Thursday 12/9/21) to get on BoS agenda for Monday 12/13/21 meeting
- c. Discussion re: amount to be requested for warrant article
 - i. Requesting updated estimate from Busby to keep things transparent and as up-to-date as can be given material/labor cost changes
 - ii. Also discussed supplementing with Friends of Plaistow Recreation fundraising
- d. Discussion re: article verbiage
- e. No requirement for Commission to vote/approve as it is a department article

3. Director's Report

- a. Pump House Update – Councilman Electric out to check up; awaiting update
- b. Trails
 - i. Agreement signed and Snow Hawk LLC will be officially doing work on trails
 - ii. Lew Shelley to go out this week to start with cleaning up paths with chainsaw

- iii. Trails were re-flagged
 - iv. Sam Kincaid pending plans for project; other Boy Scouts with potential projects
- c. Seniors
 - i. Coffee Talk – successful
- d. Elder Affairs
 - i. Met and created cards for veterans in Veterans' Home Tilton, NH
 - ii. Craft Fair planned for next November at Vic Geary
- e. Park
 - i. New swings arrived and installed
 - ii. Mulching done at Smith Field
- f. Recreation Director at NNERPC Conference 1/10/22-1/14/22
- g. Announcements
 - i. *Nutcracker Ballet 11/21/21 (16 residents)*
 - ii. *Wreath Making Community Event 11/30/21 (32 residents); Friends of Plaistow Recreation sold bows for fundraising*
 - iii. *Wreath Making Senior Event 12/1/21 (8 residents)*
 - iv. *Christmas Tree Lighting 12/5/21 (over 100 children in attendance); Friends of Plaistow Recreation handed out 95 take home cups with crafts and cocoa*
 - v. Letters to Santa 12/6/21-12-19-21; mailbox at gazebo
 - vi. Show Us Your Lights – encourage neighbors to register address for chance to win \$25 gift card to Market Basket
 - vii. Little Kids Holiday Craft 12/10/21 Ages 4-6
 - viii. Elder Affairs Movie 12/10/21 1-3 PM; to take place at the Plaistow Library; Elder Affairs arranged party favors and door prizes
 - ix. Kids Night Out 12/10/21 5:30-7:30 PM SOLD OUT
 - x. Tinsel Tree Craft 12/13/21 Ages 9+ REGISTRATION FULL
 - xi. Bright Lights Community Trip CANCELLED
 - xii. School Vacation Week
 - 1. Ice Skating @ Veterans Memorial Skating Rink, 137 Monument Street, Haverhill, MA; 12/28/21 12-2 PM; All ages; Admission is FREE; Skate rentals available \$4/pair
 - 2. Movies (SING 2) @ O'Neil Cinemas, 24 Calef Highway, Epping, NH; 12/30/21 10 AM; \$5 per person – purchase tickets through Plaistow.com/Recreation
 - xiii. 2022 Baseball and Softball Registrations open as of 12/1/21
- 4. Trail Update (see above)
- 5. Friends of Plaistow Recreation Update
 - a. Donation Letter approved – awaiting final copy
 - b. Discussed potential donations
 - c. Possibly moving to other ideas for fundraising
 - d. Participated in Tree Lighting with “Cocoa to Go” cups
 - e. Wreath Making – Bows for fundraising
- 6. Members/Alternates Needed
 - a. Thank you, Jen Bird, for attending second meeting.
 - b. Guests potentially coming to January meeting
- 7. Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned 7:47 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:30 PM, Recreation Office, Town Hall Annex, 14 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH