

# Plaistow Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 6:30 PM

**Location:** Plaistow Town Hall Annex, Recreation Office, 14 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH

**Call to order:** 6:32 PM

**Attendance:** Kerry Patles (Chair), Patrick Buckley (Vice Chair), Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), Jonathan Gifford (Board of Selectman Liaison), Tina Dufresne, Leah MacKean, Susan Sherman, John Sherman

**Excused:** Jennifer Bird, Kristin Savage

**Guests:** Evan Houle, Eagle Scout

**Meeting Agenda** Commences: 6:32 PM

1. Eagle Scout – Evan Houle: from Troop 18, proposing project of trail markers for trails along with trail blazing; will be doing painted markers; plan is to be done by 8/1/23; may be an extended project given trail length not finalized
2. Welcome New Member & BOS Liaison: Jen not available tonight (excused) – awaiting oath; new BOS liaison, Jon Gifford with Bill Coye as alternate liaison; will be same for OHD committee
3. Approve March 2022 Minutes: Approved (1<sup>st</sup> Kerry/2<sup>nd</sup> Leah) 3-0-3
4. Director's Report:
  - a. Summer Rec: have hired 17 counselors; fully staffed!; will allow 100-110 kids into program; Abby to be Director
  - b. Elder Affairs: Friday 4/22/22 Movie at the Library; 5/5/22 Senior Tea Party; June – Cher trip in Ogunquit
  - c. Easter: Toddler Egg Hunt went well (approximately 150 kids); Egg Hunt on Saturday (approximately 300 kids); 7,000 eggs
  - d. April Vacation: activities scheduled
  - e. Plaistow Pride Day: this Saturday, 4/23/22
  - f. Upcoming Dates:
    - 4/23 Plaistow Pride Day
    - 4/30 Hazardous Waste Day – trying to move event to Town Garage due to already heavy traffic and events at PARC
    - 5/7 Opening Day at PARC – FOPR for concessions
    - 5/14 Town Wide Yard Sale – FOPR Electronics Recycling, ? Savers
    - 6/10 Outdoor Movie at the Library
    - 6/18 Old Home Day
    - 7/15 Outdoor Movie at the Library
    - 8/19 Outdoor Movie at the Library
5. Review Bylaws: Bylaws adopted 4/9/2008, last update 3/8/2016; to consist of seven residents with chair, vice chair and secretary; as many alternates as available; bylaws read aloud during meeting
6. Reorganization – Elect Officers:
  - a. Chair – Kerry (Pat 1<sup>st</sup>/John 2<sup>nd</sup>) 5-0-1

- b. Vice Chair – Tina (Kerry 1<sup>st</sup>/Leah 2<sup>nd</sup>) 5-0-1
- c. Secretary – Leah (Kerry 1<sup>st</sup>/John 2<sup>nd</sup>) 5-0-1
- 7. Strategic Plan/Capital Improvement Plan
  - a. Review Existing Plans: quick review of plans, documents already in place
  - b. Discuss Ongoing and New Projects: will address further at next meeting; discussed list of projects that needs to be updated; some complete, some in process, some deferred and some not started; will need to review to decide which should be moved forward on and which are feasible; dog park and community center seem to be items of interest
  - c. Prep to Finalize Updated Plans for May/June Meetings: August is budget review; impact fees \$412, Capital Reserve (check spending) conflict in availability
- 8. Open/New Business
  - a. Friends of Plaistow Recreation: will be opening concession stands; will need volunteers to work especially on Opening Day
  - b. Finalize decision re: Lions Club Food Drive at Opening Day – will check with Baseball
- 9. Friends of Recreation – awaiting update on sign allowance before moving forward
- 10. Alternates Needed - Anyone wishing to attend a meeting is welcome. Please message Recreation Director for information; Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at Town Annex Recreation Office; All are welcome!
- 11. Open/New Business – BOS will be doing a reorganization now that new members voted in

**Next Meeting** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM

- CIP/Strategic Plan – further work and finalization

**Meeting dismissed** 7:51 PM