

Plaistow Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 6:30 PM

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

Call to order: 6:41 PM

Attendance: Kerry Patles (Chair), Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), Leah MacKean (Secretary), Susan Sherman, John Sherman (permanent alternate), Kristin Savage (6:55 PM)

Excused: Tina Dufresne (Vice Chair), Jennifer Bird, Patrick Buckley, Jon Gifford (BOS Liaison)

Guests: Lucinda Ward (3rd meeting)

Meeting Agenda Commences: 6:41 PM

1. Kerry Patles announces resignation from Commission as of 8/18/22 – Thank you for all you have done to keep the Recreation Commission moving forward and to bring joy and entertainment to our town!
2. 2023 Budget (Due September 1st)
 - a. Last year's budget: \$187,344
 - b. Projected budget: \$194,110.79
 - i. Increase 3.5% due to:
 1. cost of living raise for director of 3% (\$1240)
 2. cost of concerts
 - a. Decreasing number of concerts from 10 to 8
 - b. Addressing with BOS where future concerts will be held (many happy at PARC while many wish for concerts to return to Town Hall Green)
 3. Increase \$2000 for summer transportation r/t fuel
 4. Increase in Umpire line of baseball – may be moved to Plaistow Baseball budget in the future
 - ii. 6:55 PM Quorum Met *** switch to meeting from work session ***
 - iii. Further discussion of budget
 - iv. Vote of Support (final budget per Director) John 1st/Kristin 2nd 5-0-0
3. Approval of Minutes from May 2022 – approved Kerry 1st/John 2nd 5-0-0
4. Strategic Plan/Capital Improvement
 - a. Adding to goals
 - i. #9 Wifi at PARC – vs service boosters; estimated \$15,000 (talk to Dean Zanello and Ken Henderson re: what the school uses)
 - ii. #10 Beede Site – goal 2028; estimated \$400,000
 - iii. #11 Passenger Van – estimated \$70,000
 - iv. #12 AED at PARC – estimated \$10,000
 - v. #13 New Basketball Court; estimated \$50,000
 1. Removal of old basketball court from Ingall's/Smith
 2. Safety issues – needs to be discussed with BOS re: condemn vs rebuild
 3. Need an estimate to close it vs removal of basketball equipment
5. New Business – Lucinda Ward's 3rd meeting; voting in as a member as of 8/18/22: approved Kerry 1st/Sue 2nd 5-0-0

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM

- Evan Houle presentation (first 15 minutes)
- Dog park review
- Analyze Town-Owned Properties
- Discuss Interim Chair

Meeting dismissed 8:04 PM