

Plaistow Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 6:30pm

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

Call to order at 6:30pm; Quorum at 6:50pm

Attendance: Kerry Patles (President), Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), William Coye (Board of Selectman Liaison), Tina Dufresne, Leah MacKean, Kristin Savage (arrival 6:50pm as discussed)

Excused: Jennifer Bird, Patrick Buckley, Susan Sherman, John Sherman

Guests: Sam Kinkaid, Eagle Scout

Meeting Agenda Commences: 6:35pm

1. Trail Update: Sam Kinkaid, Eagle Scout, will be building staircase into trailhead. Has been working with Mr. Lee (civil engineer) to create plans and presented them to commission with pictures and blueprints. Plan for approximately 9 steps, each 3-4 ft wide with 2 railings. Will be doing fundraising to buy supplies. Will wait for more dry conditions to establish footings. Project to be completed by May in time for project wrap-up.
 2. New Member Oath - hold
 3. Approve February 2022 Minutes – Approved (1st Kristin/2nd Tina) 4-0-0
 4. Director's Report
 - Warrant Article Passed* – will be reaching out to Busby to move forward with work for backstops and dugouts
 - Trails* – Lew working to complete; 80% clearing done; continue to await approval to use land at end of Carl's Way to access trail points that require larger equipment
 - Seniors* – Coffee Talk; filling eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt; Thank you to our dedicated Seniors who are helping to keep our activities going for our youth!; monthly crafts at Vic Geary – next 3/28; 3/24 trip canceled by venue
 - Summer Rec* – currently can accept 80 applicants; continue to look for staffing to work as counselors; May 1st is opening for registration; interview dates set with Jenn, Kerry and Kristin; there are 7 field trips planned/2 confirmed; there are 3 movie days set up for rain days; enrichment days still in place; pizza days and Kona Ice days established; current budget \$22,975
 - Baseball/Softball* – volunteers and coaches need to complete CORI check/fingerprints; still need coaches for baseball; 116 registered for Baseball – clinics end 3/20; 23 registered for Softball – clinics through 4/10; Opening Day May 7th at PARC – working to plan a food drive for the Lion's Club same day
 - Friend of Recreation* – continue with fundraising to help offset costs of backstops and dugouts; next meeting 3/21
 - Elder Affairs* – Planning for a St. Patrick's Day event on 3/15 at Vic Geary; invitations for November 12th craft fair approved; next meeting 4/19; see Recreation Homepage for a list of events
 - Old Home Day* – now under Recreation; BOS approved bylaws; next meeting 3/13; permission from BOS to skip 3 quotes for fireworks
 - Recreation Office Rentals* – reviewed
 - PARC facility Reservations* – reviewed
- Important Dates:**
- 4/4 Parks officially open
 - 4/9 Run of the Savages
 - 4/15 Toddler Easter Egg Hunt (Kerry – bunny)

4/16 Easter Egg Hunt (Leah – bunny)

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

Upcoming Events (must register)

Paint Your Pet - 3/22 6pm at Vic Geary; Registration per link (on website)

5. Friends of Recreation – awaiting update on sign allowance before moving forward
6. Alternates Needed - Anyone wishing to attend a meeting is welcome. Please message Recreation Director for information; Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at Town Annex Recreation Office; All are welcome!
7. Open/New Business – BOS will be doing a reorganization now that new members voted in

Next Meeting Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 6:30pm

- Reorganization
- Read Bylaws
- CIP/Strategic Plan

Meeting dismissed 8:06pm