

# Plaistow Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

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

**Call to Order:** 7:03 PM

1. Attendance
  - a. Present: Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), Tina Dufresne (Chair), Pat Buckley (Vice Chair), Jon Gifford (BOS Liaison), Bill Coye (BOS Alternate Liaison), Jessica Halloran, Sue Sherman, John Sherman (alternate), Lucinda Ward.
  - b. Absent: Kristin Savage (excused)
2. Approve Minutes
  - a. April 2023 – approved 4-0-1 (John 1st/Tina 2nd)
3. Recreation Director's Report
  - a. Recreation Commission
    - i. Jennifer, Jessica, and Lucinda helped spread mulch at PARC on July 15, 2023 with the help of Delaney Landscaping and other volunteers.
  - b. Facilities
    - i. Primex report of the playgrounds went well. Inspection was passed. They provided a list of minor concerns that need tending (frayed harnesses, worn swings, cracked foot pegs) Frayed harness was replaced and cost \$150.
      1. Well at Smith Field needs a peak placed on top to deter children from climbing
      2. Maintenance is aware of recommendations that are needed.
    - ii. Jon will bring boulders to Ingalls terrace to help prevent vandalism.
    - iii. New softball field is being rented by the Raptors throughout August. Rental fees are \$15 per hour during the week and \$25 per hour on the weekend.
    - iv. Softball field follows Babe Ruth dimensions. A 5 Foot overhang may be needed
    - v. Baseball dugouts don't have roofs. Too windy at PARC to have roofs.
    - vi. Quintown Baseball will be using baseball fields from end of June-August
  - c. Trails
    - i. We received a second extension from LWCF allowing us another 12 months to complete the project. Hoping to have project complete May 2024
    - ii. Lew from Snow Hawk has been given the green light from the Town Manager to resume work on the trails after talking to the attorney working with Margo Collins
    - iii. Another trail neighbor wants No Trespassing/Trail Ends signs

- iv. Not sure if we want to accept the grant money that is being offered. If we accept the money, it wouldn't allow PARC to be closed during Summer Rec.
- d. Future Trips in the works
  - i. Working with Best of Times Travel to book some summer trips. 3 trips are posted on the Plaistow Recreation Website
    - 1. Working with this company isn't working out. The trips are expensive, and they are poorly managed. Will probably stop working with them
  - ii. Planning a Fall trip with Sandown and Atkinson for October 11 to Mount Washington Cruise in Laconia NH.
  - iii. Planning a Holiday trip to RI to see the Mansions in December with Sandown and Atkinson.
- e. Seniors
  - i. Monthly Craft at Vic Geary will continue the last Monday of the month from 9:00-11 am
- f. Elder Affairs
  - i. Working to plan an Apple Pie Social with Sue
- g. Outdoor Movie Nights
  - i. Planned 3 outdoor movies for the summer to take place at the Town Green.
  - ii. 6/23 had approximately 70 guests.
  - iii. 7/14 movie was canceled due to Thunderstorms.
  - iv. 8/11 movie canceled due to Licensing issues with the library.
    - 1. Library is allowed to show movies indoors but if the library wanted to play a movie on the Town Green they would have to pay \$450 and are only allowed to show movies from an approved list on Mon-Thursdays.
- h. Summer Rec
  - i. In full swing. 105 kids attend each week
  - ii. Officer Cali Bortz has been joining us as a chaperone on the weekly field trips. The children really like having her around
  - iii. The Fire Department came to spray the kids on a hot day. Children enjoyed!
- i. Concerts
  - i. 6 out of 8 concerts went on. 2 cancelled due to weather.
  - ii. Ice cream social at Baptist Church has been a hit
- j. Town Wide Yard Sale- September 16, 2023
  - i. Registration is open. Money raised from registration will go towards providing gifts to Plaistow's Homebound Seniors for the holidays (Giving Tree).
- k. Pumpkin Lighting-Tentative date October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-7
  - i. Vendors to pass out candy to the children
  - ii. Invite some food trucks to attend
  - iii. DJ and inflatable corn maze and games for the children
- l. Decorate the Town Hall, Annex, and Gazebo for the holidays on 11/20/2023
- m. Wreath Making- 11/28-Pollard and 11/29- Vic Gearey

- n. Giving Tree to benefit Plaistow's Homebound Seniors
    - i. Contact Meals on Wheels by 11/6 for a list.
    - ii. Will need to create tags, decorate trees at Town Hall and Town Hall Annex, gather items, and drop off items by 12/10.
  - o. Tree Lighting
    - i. Tentative date- 12/3. Will confirm with Plaistow Fire Department
    - ii. Will Reach out to Girl Scouts for a sing a long prior to Santas arrival
    - iii. Will reach out to Timberlane Music Department for Choir Singers
4. Reorganization
- a. Elect Officers
    - i. Chair-Pat nominated Tina. Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - 1. Elected 5-0-0
    - ii. Vice Chair- Tina nominated Pat. Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>
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    - iii. Secretary- Sue nominated Jessica. Tina 2<sup>nd</sup>
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5. Budget
- a. Current budget documents will be emailed to Commission
  - b. Repairs to basketball courts or creating new basketball courts are the highest priority.
  - c. Fix batting cages-nets may need replacing. Will need to be taken down in the winter
  - d. Grants-
    - i. Looking to try Pickleball/Tennis at Smith Field. Pickleball court fits inside of a tennis court
    - ii. Looking to build a basketball court at PARC. The cost of using Snaptiles for a High School Regulation sized court is around \$92,000. Need a concrete pad (or another flat surface) to place them on. Already have hoops.
  - e. The director will put a list together of projects and cost of projects. Could use leftover budget money or earmark money for future projects.
  - f. Raise money
    - i. Friends of Rec-raise money?
    - ii. Impact Fees- haven't been able to see how much earned from new houses being built
    - iii. donations

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday September 13, 2023

**Dismissed:** 8:09 PM