

# Plaistow Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 10, 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)<sub>v</sub>, Jon Gifford (BOS Liaison), Bill Coye (BOS Alternate Liaison), Jessica Halloran, Sue Sherman<sub>v</sub>, John Sherman (alternate)<sub>v</sub>, Lucinda Ward <sub>v</sub>
  - b. Absent: Pat Buckley (Vice Chair)<sub>v</sub> (excused), Leah MacKean (Secretary) (resigned), Kristin Savage<sub>v</sub> (excused)
2. Approve Minutes
  - a. April 2023 – approved 5-0-0 (John 1st/Lucinda 2nd)
3. Members
  - a. Leah MacKean has resigned from the Plaistow Recreation Commission. She will be missed.
  - b. New Member Jessica Halloran as of 4/12/2023. Will act as secretary for this meeting until a new secretary can be voted on.
4. Reorganization
  - a. Will elect new Secretary in June
5. Recreation Director Report
  - a. Facilities
    - i. New AED is installed at PARC inside the concession stand
    - ii. PARC –Softball field is open. Reliable installed the foul poles, Maintenance installed the benches, and Oasis installed bases and skinned the field
    - iii. Friends of Plaistow Recreation contributed \$4,400 towards the skinning of the Softball Infield
  - b. Trails
    - i. Jenn, Bill, Pat, and Lew (From Snow Hawk) spent Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday on the trails
    - ii. Have spent under \$40,000 and need to spend \$51,000 to be reimbursed
    - iii. A few more weeks for trails to be accessible
    - iv. Working on getting permits for wetland crossing
    - v. Waiting for update from town manager and BOS regarding possible land swap with Margo Collins
  - c. 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
- d. Seniors
  - i. Monthly Craft at Vic Geary will continue the last Monday of the month from 9:00-11 am
  - ii. Starting up a bi-weekly 45's card game on Wednesdays from 9-12p. The games have been a hit so far
- e. Elder Affairs
  - i. Next Meeting 5/16 @ 1pm
  - ii. Cinco De Mayo Party on 5/5. 20 participants. Delivered leftover food to the Plaistow Police Department and met the new Police Chief. He was happy to see community support.
  - iii. Summer cook out planned for 6/14 has been cancelled
- f. April School Vacation Week
  - i. We had a great turn out this week
    - 1. Launch Trampoline Park 4/25 10:30-12 pm, \$15pp. 78 participants
    - 2. Paint Party 4/26 6-8 @ Vic Geary, \$25 pp 11 participants
    - 3. Movie 4/27 10-12 @ O'Neils, \$6 pp 64 participants
- g. Collaboration with Plaistow Library
  - i. Kids Night out at the library, 4/21, 5:30-7:30 pm. Library provides location and movie. Recreation provides treats and assists with chaperoning the children. 16 kids attended.
  - ii. Planned 3 free outdoor movies for the summer to take place at the Town Hall Green. 6/23, 7/14, 8/11.
    - 1. Ricos Burritos and Kona Ice will attend
- h. Baseball / Softball
  - i. Opening Day –May 6, 2023. Huge turnout
  - ii. 161 registered players for 2023 Baseball/Softball Season
  - iii. New U6 Softball team
  - iv. Lions Club collected food for the Power Pack Program
- i. Summer Rec
  - i. Registration opened up with 70 available spots on May 1, 2023, and filled up in 4 hours. There was some website trouble, and the program had a waitlist at 9:30 am
  - ii. As of now the waitlist has 52 kids on it.
  - iii. Hired Erin Matthews as the director
  - iv. The plan is to have 1 Director, 1 Assistant Director, 1 Art Director, 4 Senior Counselors, and 8 Counselors, totaling 15 staff members. This gives us a ratio of 1:7 which falls in line with NHRPA guidelines.
  - v. Interviews took place on 4/17 and 4/19 with Jenn Gusler and Erin

- vi. Offer letters went out to counselors on 5/1, they have until 5/12 to respond. Once all of the counselors take their positions then the program can take 100 children each week and children will be taken off the waitlist
- vii. Field trips are booked
- viii. Pollard has been reserved for inclement weather
- j. Concerts
  - i. 8 out of 8 concerts have locked in their date for the concerts at the Town Green. Dates: 6/28-8/16
  - ii. Portable Toilets have been booked
  - iii. Not sure if First Baptist Church will have their ice cream socials. Sue will reach out to see
- k. Clean-up day April 22, 2023
  - i. 28 Participants met at the Gazebo behind Town Hall at 8:30 am to collect specially marked garbage bags before heading out to the parks and neighborhoods
  - ii. Next year add a disclaimer – no tires
- l. Town Wide Yard Sale May 13, 2023
  - i. Registration is open. 32 registered participants so far
- m. In need of some recycled items for summer camp and senior crafts.
  - i. Glass salsa jars
  - ii. Paper towel tubes
  - iii. Yogurt containers
  - iv. Fabric / yarn scraps
  - v. Leftover craft supplies
- 6. Members and Alternates Needed
- 7. Open
  - a. Strategic Plan. Will Review in August and finalize in September
  - b. Reorganization- will vote next month

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday June 14, 2023

**Dismissed:** 7:55 PM