

# **Plaistow Recreation Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 7:00 PM

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

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

1. Attendance
  - a. Present: Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), Tina Dufresne (Chair), Pat Buckley (Vice-Chair), Leah MacKean (Secretary), Bill Coye (Board of Selectmen Alternate Liaison), Sue Sherman, Lucinda Ward, John Sherman (alternate)
  - b. Absent: Jon Gifford (Board of Selectmen Liaison) – excused, Kristin Savage – excused, Jen Bird – will reach out as she has not been present for multiple meetings without response; if no response will consider resigned
2. Approve Minutes: December 2022 – approved 3-0-3 (Pat 1<sup>st</sup>/Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>)
3. Recreation Director Report
  - a. Ice Skating – 45 attended
  - b. Movie – 39 attended
  - c. Wrapping Paper and Decoration Swap – poor outcomes; many dropped off supplies but did not take any
  - d. Show Us Your Lights – low participation; winner Tyler Schorman
  - e. Kids Night Out at the Library scheduled 1/27/23 – Lucinda volunteered to assist
  - f. Baseball/Softball – registration open
  - g. Recreation Director Conference last week – went well; moved locations
  - h. Not much planned for January and February at this time
  - i. Potentially planning Encore Casino Trip for February
  - j. Coordinating with Atkinson Recreation for Red Sox tickets (will include ticket and bus)
4. Summer Recreation
  - a. Recommend increasing cost \$5/week/child after comparing with surrounding towns
  - b. Increase will afford 2 field trips per week (one big trip along with one smaller trip) and campers will be at PARC every other day
  - c. Current \$125/week so cost will go up to \$130/week, which is still lower than surrounding availability

- d. Will continue to use Pollard on rainy days
  - e. Ad out for employment
    - i. 8 counselors are returning
    - ii. 10 openings to be filled
    - iii. Will continue to monitor surrounding job pay scales – may need to address with next year’s budget
  - f. Registration opens May 1st
  - g. Potentially increase the responsibility of middle school campers to prevent boredom
  - h. Will utilize the completed trails for camp activities
5. Members and Alternates Needed
6. Open
- a. Trails
    - i. No changes
    - ii. Low prioritizing this project for spring
    - iii. Goal is to be done by end of May
    - iv. Working on some property line issues
  - b. Strategic Plan
    - i. Discussed potential AED access at PARC and Smith fields
      - 1. Most are Knox Box protected and will require education with 911 system for release
      - 2. Look into grants
      - 3. Discuss further at next meeting
    - ii. Will discuss further goals/plans at next meeting
  - c. Meat Raffle – Friday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – American Legion w/ Lion’s Club - fundraiser
  - d. Deliberative Session – Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM – Town Hall
  - e. Musical Bingo – Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM – Fish and Game
  - f. Meat Raffle – Friday Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – American Legion w/ Lion’s Club: FOPR/OHD fundraiser

**Next meeting(s):** Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM (On Agenda: Strategic Plan Review)

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

**Dismissed:** 7:57 PM