

Plaistow Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 7:00 PM

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

Call to order: 6:58 PM

Attendance: Tina Dufresne (Vice Chair), Leah MacKean (Secretary), Patrick Buckley, Susan Sherman, Lucinda Ward, John Sherman (permanent alternate), Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), Jon Gifford (BOS Liaison), Bill Coye (alternate BOS Liaison)

Absent: Jennifer Bird (unexcused #1), Kristin Savage (excused)

1. Approve Minutes (August 2022) – Approved Sue 1st/John 2nd 6-0-0
2. Discussion re: open Chair position
 - a. Tina accepted to move from Vice Chair to Chair – approved Leah 1st/Sue 2nd 6-0-0
 - b. Pat nominated for Vice Chair and accepted – approved Sue 1st/John 2nd 6-0-0
3. Trail Update
 - a. Lew did more clearing
 - b. Need to establish boundaries of wetlands
 - c. Need volunteers for clearing and cleaning along with equipment
 - d. May need to make a box step for the top of the stairs as the incline at that point is still steep
 - e. Pending plan for area over water; may need DES if greater than a certain length
 - f. Financial should be completely covered by grant
 - g. Plan is to complete out to Mt. Misery this month and to resume work in the spring to complete the area around Mt. Misery
 - h. Discuss name of Trail: Mount Misery Trail
 - i. Potential project for scouts is to create a kiosk at the trailhead
4. Softball Field Update
 - a. Reliable Fence quote came in at \$10,000 less than Warrant Article
 - b. Friends of Plaistow Recreation has \$6522.00 toward field completion; will potentially cover benches and other field needs, including the old softball field
5. Recreation Director Report
 - a. Town Manager addressing softball field issues/contract/quotes
 - b. Maintenance replaced door to bathroom at PARC building
 - c. Light out at Smith Field – maintenance aware
 - d. Trips
 - i. Tri-Town Foliage Trip Oct 13
 - ii. May have a Christmas Trip
 - e. Seniors
 - i. Continue monthly meetings
 - ii. Card Making November 3rd for Veterans Day
 - iii. Wreath Making November 30th
 - iv. Christmas Card making for Veterans December 13th
 - f. Elder Affairs
 - i. Fall Luncheon – 29 attended
 - ii. Craft Fair November 12th at Vic Geary
 1. FOPR assisting with some of the food/drinks
 2. Jon Gifford donated
 - g. Pumpkin Lighting
 - i. October 29th 2-6
 - ii. Volunteers needed
 - iii. Trick-or-Treating, Pumpkin Lighting, Corn Maze, Ax Throwing, DJ
 - iv. Past few year's attendance 50-60 people
 - h. Tree Lighting
 - i. December 4th

- ii. Tree donated by The Plaistow Lions Club
- i. Old Home Day
 - i. Next OHD 6/17/23
 - ii. Next meeting 10/18 – clarification of Recreation involvement along with clarification of roles and responsibilities of members
- 6. Members and Alternates needed – share information
- 7. Open
 - a. Jon Gifford discussed options for potential fundraisers in the future using his farm
 - b. Convenient MD has already informed town that they are very interested in being involved in town needs

Next Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Meeting dismissed 7:46 PM