

Plaistow Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 6:30 PM

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

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Attendance: Tina Dufresne (Vice Chair), Leah MacKean (Secretary), Patrick Buckley, Kristin Savage (7:07 PM), Susan Sherman, Lucinda Ward, John Sherman (permanent alternate), Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), Jon Gifford (BOS Liaison), Bill Coye (alternate BOS Liaison)

Absent: Jennifer Bird

1. Evan Houle – Eagle Scout Project Presentation
 - a. See attached proposal
 - b. Will be fundraising through a car wash
 - c. Motion to accept project as presented Sue 1st/Pat 2nd 6-0-0
2. Approve Minutes (August 2022) – Approved Sue 1st/Lucinda 2nd 5-0-1
3. Trail Update
 - a. Pat has been working with Lew
 - b. Will need volunteers for this weekend to help get trails cleared (9/23-9/24)
 - c. Lew built bridge over the brook along the trail
4. Softball Field Update
 - a. Working with Town Manager and Busby re: plans for completion
 - b. Unclear if able to get out of contract with Busby in order to complete the work
 - c. Kristin will review contract further
 - d. Need to get rid of pitching mound that was created by Oasis (not appropriate for softball field)
 - e. Reliable Fence will give quote for backstop with tilt as well as dugouts
 - f. Plan is to keep uniform with baseball fields and other softball field
 - g. Still have the \$30,000 in Capital from 2022 Warrant Article approval
 - h. Friends of Plaistow Recreation has fundraised approximately \$6,000 toward the fields
5. Recreation Director Report
 - a. Facilities – softball fields, PARC building repair, field maintenance, not able to follow through with fitness park – cost is \$200,000 even with a possible \$30,000 grant
 - b. Trails (see above)
 - c. Summer Concerts – completed; 9/10 happened (one cancelled due to weather)
 - d. Trips – Tri-Town Foliage Trip 10/13; ? Christmas trip
 - e. Seniors – Many crafting days (cards, wreaths)
 - f. Elder Affairs – luncheon 9/29; Craft Fair at Vic Geary 11/12; Christmas Tea 12/9 at Library
 - g. Pumpkin Lighting – larger event this year; 10/29 2-6 PM; more entertainment, games, involvement
 - h. Tree Lighting – 12/4/22; ? more events that day
 - i. Old Home Day – 6/17/23
 - j. See town website for multiple dates/activities
 - k. Facility and Office rentals continue
6. Discussion re: open chair position – table until next meeting
7. Members and Alternates needed – share information
8. Open – discussion re: CIP; it was submitted but was not available at meeting; sent to Dee – will ensure received; will continue to communicate and figure out town expectations re: submissionx

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Meeting dismissed 7:46 PM