



## Recreation Commission

Town of Hinesburg

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### Recreation Commission Minutes – January 11, 2022

Members present: Rodney Putnam & Liam Powers

Members via Zoom – Mike Webb

Members Absent: Tom Giroux & Frank Twarog

Also present: Jen McCuin

1. Call to order – Zoom launched and everyone connected by 7:08 pm.
2. Public Comment. None.
3. Additions/Deletions. Mike gives update on the pump track. Upon meeting with Fellowship of the Wheel (FOW) contact and getting more information, Mike determines it will be a lot amount of money and daily/weekly maintenance to do the project correctly. Determines it might not be feasible for our budget and staffing at this time. Members thank Mike for his time and researching efforts. Mike is curious about timeline of space adjacent to B.R.A. and when funds would be available for building/planning a playground. Project is still in DRB process.
4. Jen reports Northstar Fireworks has a \$10,000 minimum effective this year for a July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. Clarifies this is 2 weeks before and after the 7/4 date. Current funds in account are about \$8,000. Explains that thanks to Aubuchon's initiative last summer, we received \$2,000 but the HBPA has not hosted a golf tournament in 2 years, which usually funds the previous \$5,000 minimum for the show, along with no balloon sales for two years, which is usually about \$1,000 per year. She initially proposed putting \$5,000 in FY22-23 to assist, but number was reduced to \$3,000. Bottom line is while we can pay for 2022's show, 2023 will be a great leap. All agree July 4<sup>th</sup> is the largest town gathering each year, bringing the largest number of people to town with the parade, activities, and fireworks. Jen agrees to contact David Palmer with HBPA on possible 2022 Golf Tournament. Rodney proposes other fundraising efforts. Question to ponder "Is it the Rec. Commission's responsibility to fund the entire amount" Reports that Williston has been funding \$10,000 in their municipal budget.
5. Town Rink. Filled rink on 12/31/21 with assistance from Rocky Martin, Mike Webb, Chris and Jen McCuin. Rink took far less water thanks to the grading last fall and after two floods and cold temps, ice is in good shape. Mike has shoveled and used with his family both days over weekend, reporting success.
6. Youth Basketball. Mike is doing a great job coaching both K-1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> groups. Cancelled 3-4 girls and 5-6 boys' games on 1/8 due to exposures. Hosted 3-4 boys' game. Tom refereed. Jen reported one exposure email and Mike had to send out an email update to both groups. This is the new normal. Wait and see, hoping this wave will peak/pass.
7. Rec. Coordinator's Report. Henry Moreno resigned from Recreation Commission. He is moving out of town. He's been on the RC since 2008 and has been a strong member advocate for many years of involvement. Currently there are 2 openings on the Recreation Commission. Jen reports two new programs that were supposed to start on 1/11 but school was cancelled – Literature & Arts and an adult yoga class. Working on spring-summer programming. Reaching out to concert in park donors for 2022 funding. Setting up performers. Thinking about July 4<sup>th</sup>, fireworks, parade, grand marshal, theme, and how it may change, etc. Dealing with Covid and all that it brings with changes, delays, cancellation, etc. Trying to stay positive!

8. Other business. Mike asks for what he can be involved with next. Jen suggests getting information ready for dugouts at baseball field this spring. There is money in the budget for complete this work. Liam also volunteers to assist with storage facility – snack shack. Jen agrees to provide a list of contents and send a picture of current storage facility rental at Lyman Storage.

Next meeting is 2/8/22 at 7 pm. Hybrid with Zoom link.

9. Adjourn at 8:50 pm.