



Recreation Commission

Town of Hinesburg

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Recreation Commission Minutes – February 8, 2022

Members present via Zoom: Rodney Putnam, Liam Powers, Frank Twarog & Mike Webb

Members Absent: Tom Giroux

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 shares plans for baseball dugout sketch for Bissonette Rec. Area. Will share with SLL President Mike Niebur. Various changes are made. Once everyone approves, Mike will contact Middlebury Fence Company to get a quote and install date.
4. Commission decides to make future monthly meetings remote in accordance to an update in the Open Meeting Law.
5. Town Rink. Cold temperatures in January contribute to rink's success. Usage may be slightly down based on the cold, but overall good numbers. Rink recovered from large storm last week thanks to a resident who cleared the surface with a snowblower on Sat. Chris & Jen flooded on Sat. night and Monday night scraped and filled in some areas and flooded again. Mike assisted with surfacing and became familiar with process to assist in the future. Jen has not received any negative feedback on parking or loitering.
6. Youth Basketball. Season has been successful. Games, coaches, parents, spectators have been extremely positive and grateful. Extending season one week longer to 2/19 to make up for some cancellations.
7. July 4th Planning. Frank suggests a country music theme. Theme - Hinesburg Hoedown 4th of July. Prize discussion – perhaps not ask for business donations, but do trophies instead. Fireworks discussion on moving to CVU? Trading one set of problems for another. Grand Marshal – Andrea Morgante. Andrea was offered the honor in 2020 and we did not do a GM in 2021. Liam proposes it prudent to honor our offer and Commission is unanimous. Tom Giroux can ask Andrea if she will accept the title again.
8. Rec. Coordinator's Report. Jen gives update. HRD Spring-Summer Guide was mailed to every household early last week. Donation for Concert in Park received by WCVT and Wahl, LLC. Bands are set up. Former residents Gladys & David Douse have band Empty Pockets and reached out that they'd be in Hinesburg during July 4th. Jen offered a spot to perform before fireworks, but they weren't available. Preferred a Concert in the Park date of 7/6, but Commission does not offer a performance two days after July 4th celebration, plus there are not funds available for another performer in series. More discussion on raising future funds for fireworks. Possible Calcutta at Cedar Knoll, but an outside venue in lieu of an indoor event. Nothing official is decided.
9. Mike asks Jen to stay on line to discuss Iroquois Soccer Club. Adjourn at 8:10 pm.
10. Next meeting is 3/8/22 at 7 pm with Zoom link listed on website.