



Recreation Commission

Town of Hinesburg

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Recreation Commission Minutes –September 13, 2022

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

Members Absent: Tom Giroux & Frank Twarog

Also present: Jen McCuin

1. Call to order 7:10 pm.
2. Public Comment. None.
3. Additions/deletions. See below.
4. Updates. Baseball field. Liam completed first set of (4) bleachers and they were installed on the first base-line side of the field on 9/9. They are solid, beautifully constructed and required 4 people to move to desired location, with Liam doing the heavy lifting – no pun intended! Liam reports that he'll work on the next set and keep people posted. We are so grateful. Jen reports ordering replacement nets for the 1-2 coed soccer goals. Tom fixed the gate making it easily to lock and less likely to cut your hands. We are waiting for a new metal swing gate by Giroux's. They are short-staffed and will complete when possible. Rodney reminds that we need to move location to accommodate snowmobilers. He agrees to contact Scott & David Johansen on setting new posts for a new gate and location.
5. Fall programming has launched or is starting this week! We have 150 kids playing youth soccer – big increase in numbers that required more fields, equipment, shirts, and coaches. Looking for some referees for 9/24, 10/8, and 10/15 U10 games. Piano lessons started this week (24 students) and a new choir program (18 students) begins after a 2 and ½ year hiatus. Trying to launch a new adult yoga class located at St. Jude Parish Hall by recruiting more participants.
6. Budget process is beginning. Jen discusses need for fireworks funding. Rodney proposes a possible Calcutta in Nov. Asks if this is too soon after pandemic? The social connection might be welcomed. More discussion follows with references to Quadra concert at Old Lantern in early Jan. Rodney agrees to contact Will Patten at HPH as a possible venue.
7. Jen reports recent conversation with Brian Busier. Brian has been extremely generous and supportive of the Recreation Dept. and Commission, having started the Rec. Board in the late 80s. He offered financial support for sports equipment as needed and other assistance for the proposed storage facility at B.R.A. He'd like to be kept in mind in the planning and with the wants/needs for the future. He praised the Dept. and Commission for their work to support youth recreation in town – sports, music, arts, etc.
8. Mike asks if there is an opportunity for the K-2 grade basketball program to practice more than once per week. Jen shares HCS gym schedule and constraints and adds that youth basketball is the longest program starting in early Dec. and ending in mid-Feb. Other local Rec. programs begins in early Jan. Both agree to contact new AD at HCS to gauge feasibility.
9. Adjourn at 7:51 pm.
10. Next meeting is 10/11/22 at 7 pm with Zoom link listed on website.