



Recreation Commission

Town of Hinesburg

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Recreation Commission Minutes

May 11, 2021 via Zoom

Members present: Tom Giroux, Rodney Putnam, Frank Twarog & Mike Webb

Members Absent: Henry Moreno

Also present: Jen McCuin, Liam Powers

1. Call to order. 7:30 pm
2. Public Comment. None.
3. Additions/Deletions
4. Membership update. Liam submitted his application and his interview with Select Board is 5/19 at 7 pm.
5. July 4th – Commission decides to proceed with the parade and fireworks based on State of Vermont’s guidelines for outdoor events. Jen confirms usage at HCS from Jeanne Jensen at CVSD as long as town observed all current guidelines, if there are any left. Frank proposes doing fireworks at Bissonette Rec. Area for a greater view and more options for people to view from other parts of town. HCS location is smaller and more bottle-necked. Some feel HCS is a good spot and wonder if the change is best choice after so much change. Good points to both locations. Jen agrees to contact Northstar Fireworks and Police Chief to see if this is possible. The overall feeling is that July 4th should be like a “soft opening” after the pandemic. “Let’s keep it simple” with the disclaimer that anything could be cancelled if the numbers warrant it. July 4th is on a Sunday, so parade will be one hour later than usual – kicking off at 12 pm.
6. Concerts in the Park – will proceed and host this event. Jen confirms that our two sponsors WCVT and Wahl agreed to support if the guidelines allow the event. She also confirms having bands ready for the respective dates. Will confirm with sponsors and add to website www.hinesburgrec.com
7. Rec. Coordinator’s Report. Jen gives update on current usage field usage at Bissonette Recreation Area which is non-stop with HRD, HCS, CVU, ISC, and SLL. The fields recovered from the rain and drain well. There have been two incidents of facility/field closures this season based on standing water on the fields. Voltage Soccer Camp set for 5-8 pm 6/21 – 6/25, tennis lessons in July, track and field program week of 7/12 – 7/16 with virtual State Meet and aiming for a normal Fall brochure publication utilizing HCS space after-school. HRD is busy and current youth lacrosse, after-school horseback riding and golf and 4 classes of Driver Education are flourishing.
8. Commission Forum – Non-action items. None.
9. Next meeting is 6/8/21 at 7 pm via Zoom.
10. Adjourn at 8:30 pm.