

Town of Sanbornton ~ Recreation Commission~ Meeting Minutes

DRAFT April 9, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Offices

Commission Members: Jax Riendeau, Kerri Federico, Ralph Carter (Selectman Representative), Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, Colleen Longo

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm.

Present at the meeting: Jax Riendeau, Kerri Federico, Ralph Carter (Selectman Representative), Amanda Pelissier (Recreation Coordinator), Dolly Elliott

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from February 13, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Riendeau and seconded by Federico to accept the meeting minutes as is.

Vote: Riendeau, Federico Affirmative. Abstain: Carter. Motion passes.

Financials:

Financials for February were reviewed, and a motion was made by Federico and seconded by Riendeau to accept February financials.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Financials for March were reviewed, and a motion was made by Riendeau and seconded by Federico to accept March financials.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Federico mentioned having the financials show what the Recreation Department has paid back the towns if it is to a certain account line. Riendeau said that since we used grant funds to pay the Before/After Care staff which was paid out of the permanent part-time line (4520.115) and then paid back using the grant money from the Revolving Fund, the financials sheets should show that. Pelissier will work on updating to indicate those payments that were made back to the town.

Coordinators Update

Before & After School Program:

Elliott has mentioned that she has recently met with individual staff members to try to bring staff moral up. There are a lot of children in the program, which can bring on stress and she wants to make sure that the staff are feeling supported. Pelissier also checks in with Elliott daily to support in any way possible. Elliott will meet monthly to make sure everyone is feeling supported. Elliott has officially offered her resignation as of August, 31, 2024 from the Director position of the Before/After School & Summer Day Camp Program. The Commission and Pelissier thanked Dolly for her years of service and dedication to the program. Pelissier is currently writing up the three positions needed to be filled for the Town Administrator to post along side with other positions that are currently open within the town.

Summer Day Camp:

Last year the Commission opted into a program called ClassWallet, which is an alternative way for parents to pay for Summer Day Camp funds. One family utilized the program last year. Pelissier stated that this year the program has received \$4,440 total as of April 9th. The New Hampshire Department of Education offers a program called ReKINDling Curiosity Program which helps families pay for their children to attend various summer camps throughout NH. We have had five families take advantage of this opportunity this year!

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Pelissier has confirmed field trips for Water Country, Polar Caves, Santa's Village, Clarks Trading Post, and Smitty's Cinema. SkyZone cannot be booked until May 1st. Riendeau reminded Pelissier to look into buying bulk jump socks through Amazon. Pelissier will get prices for those to show the Rec Commission next month.

Adult Potluck:

March had low attendance. Pelissier made a whole crockpot meal along with sides and desserts. Elliott made a dessert and potato salad. Jackie Bonafide brought lots of great contacts with her from the Wellness Fair hosted in Laconia. Pelissier reached out to both Chief Hankard and Chief Dexter and invited them to join in April 17th's potluck. She will create a flyer once she gets confirmation from both.

Pelissier has locked in Erinn Sopinsky from Strategic Caring Solutions to join the potluck May 15th. She is going to chat about their program and how they assist families before and during a crisis.

Katy Magoon-Fredette from Hannaford will be joining July's potluck. She is a registered dietician and is going to talk about their program and bring along a fun summer recipe demo they can eat.

An email was also sent out to a rep from AARP to see if they would like to join one month.

Adult Potluck:

Pelissier has been coordinating with Riendeau about using her 14 passenger van to bring back adult trips. The hold up following the COVID pandemic was that the company previously used for transportation, was no longer offering 14 passenger vans. Riendeau is willing to put Pelissier on her insurance and let her drive to various trips offered to the community. Pelissier will reach out to Primex to make sure that that is acceptable. There are a few options Pelissier will look into and get pricing for so things can be finalized for May's meeting; Isle of Shoals Cruise, Mount Washington Cruise, Strawberry Banke, Castle in the Clouds are a few of the options she is looking into.

Riendeau also mentioned Dancing Feet Studio offers ballroom dancing and she will speak with the dance instructor about possibly offering something for residents interested and if she knows of anyone who could possibly teach line dancing. Pelissier said she could possibly use the school gym if there is an option for them to come to town for lessons.

Basketball:

Basketball is officially over! All uniforms were returned without any damage or stains to them. Pelissier spoke very highly of the coaching staff this season. The 5/6 boys team brought home 3rd place in the LAYBL Laconia Tournament and 2nd place in the Francoeur-Babcock Gilford Tournament. The 3/4 girls brought home 2nd place in the Karp Klassic Tournament. Pelissier was also told that Sanbornton Recreation's basketball program has been one of the best feeder programs for the middle school.

Easter Egg Hunts:

A total of 3,500 easter eggs were filled with non-candy and candy items. Joey dressed up as the Easter Bunny for the morning egg hunt and photos. Pelissier recruited a few middle schoolers to help spread the eggs at both events. Both egg hunts had great turn outs.

Ice Rink:

Ice Rink totals for the two months totaled \$1,053 and our half after splitting with the Pines CC was \$526.50. Costs of the rink usage with the 50% discount totaled \$3,000 and the Pines paid January and Sanbornton Rec paid February.

Week 1: \$29

Week 2: \$99.50

Week 3: \$99

Week 4: \$65.50

Week 5: \$72.50

Week 6: \$47

Week 7: \$64

Week 8: \$50

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Federico mentioned that we should try something similar to what the Veterans Ski Area does and see if business want to sponsor a ice skate day. Where people can ice skate for free thanks to our sponsor and mention them on social media as well as maybe have a printed sign at the rink to let folks know. Pelissier will talk to the Pines CC about the idea and get it set up for next year.

Beach Attendant:

Looking for someone to clean the town beaches this summer. \$16 an hour and a maximum of 10 hours a week from late May to Early September. Must has a valid drivers license. Perfect for a high schooler.

Swim Lessons:

Pelissier has reached out to Karen from NHSwim about this summer's lessons. Karen did not confirm or deny but mentioned that there was someone local who was working on getting her certificate and might be an option if they are unable to hold lessons. Federico also mentioned that she knows someone as well and will reach out.

Challenger Soccer Camp:

Camp will be held July 22-26th this summer at the Town Park. Tiny Tikes 8-8:45am \$90 and Half Day 9-12pm \$190. Pelissier is still waiting on a confirmation with the link for registration so she can distribute the information.

Old Home Day:

July 13th will be Old Home Day. Pelissier showed the Commission pricing and photos of the three blow ups from Vertical Entertainment she wants to provide; Connect 4 Basketball, Double Axe Throwing, and a 4 person Jousting arena. Set up, take down, travel, and damage waiver the total amounts to \$1,058.

Sanbornton Central 5K Collaboration:

May 19th and will be held at the local elementary school. Pelissier would like to participate by having the Connect 4 Basketball game from Vertical Entertainment. Total is \$410

Revolving Funds:

Vertical Entertainment expenses for both the Sanbornton Central School 5K and Sanbornton Old Home Day totaling \$1,468.

Motion made by Carter seconded by Federico.

Vote: Carter & Federico Affirmative. Riendeau Abstains. Motion passes.

Other Business

Babysitting during town meeting had a total of 14 children ranging from ages 1-15 years old.

Gilford Well at Town Park: Latest update is that Gilford Well went down 900 feet and still did not get enough pressure. They are hoping to try fracking, which the BoS agreed to have them proceed with.

Wood from ice rink is in the storage unit at the town park. Pelissier met with Colleen about possibly using the wood to make bird houses, benches, and bat houses for the town park. Anything to utilize the wood.

Portable Toliet is at the town park and Tilton-Northfield Little League & Winnisquam Youth Softball League agreed to pay for one month of the usage while they are utilizing the field. \$170 for one month. This will help off set the costs of having the portable toilet there in the spring.

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Pelissier is trying to coordinate a volleyball game for the adult coed program to play against the Gilford Parks & Rec coed Volleyball team.

Pelissier has spoken with Sam over at the Pines CC about the possibility of collaborating on a trip to a Red Sox game this summer. She has been in contact with Primer Couch and got a quote for traveling from Tilton to Fenway and back. She also got a quote on group tickets. The Recreation Commission thinks it is a great opportunity to offer the community and Pelissier will get all the confirmed information together for final approval for May's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7th 7:00pm at the new Town offices.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amanda Pelissier
Amanda Pelissier, Coordinator

These minutes are in draft form and are subject to review/change and approval of the Recreation Commission