

Town of Sanbornton ~ Recreation Commission~ Meeting Minutes

Draft June 2, 2020 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Zoom Video Conference

Members: Joel Smith (Chair), Tracy Seavey (Secretary), Jacquelyn Riendeau, Barbara Whetstone and John Olmstead (Selectmen Representative)

Present: Joel Smith, Tracy Seavey, Jacquelyn Riendeau, Barbara Whetstone, John Olmstead, Amanda Pelissier (Coordinator), and Dolly Elliott

Meeting opened at 7:01pm.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Whetstone and seconded by Olmstead to accept the meeting minutes for the May 19, 2020 Recreation Commission monthly meeting.

Vote: Affirmative-Unanimous.

Financials: There were no financials to report at this time.

Town Beaches:

- NH Environmental Services usually samples the water at both beaches. Due to a hiring freeze they will not be conducting sample collection this summer for us. Pelissier stated that there is a certified lab in Concord that will run the samples that we will need to collect and send to them. The results will be sent to Pelissier and she will submit to the state. Whetstone asked how many samples needed to be collected. Pelissier was unsure but will look in to this with the state. Additionally, testing the water ourselves will cost \$28 per sample vs NH Environmental Services cost of \$30 per sample. Pelissier noted that she only has six hours from the time the samples are taken to deliver them to the lab.
- Last month it was asked who owned the beaches. Both beaches are town operated. The town owns the land but is federally funded.
- Pelissier stated that the port-a-potties have been delivered.
- Trash barrels have not been put out due to bears. Whetstone mentioned the Transfer Station does have blue bags available for beach cleanup if needed
- Pelissier also mentioned that both beaches were raked and cleaned last week. Whetstone asked how often the beaches are cleaned. In prior years, the Commission hired someone to clean the beaches frequently
- Discussion on opening up the beaches and the best way to do so took place. It was decided that because the beaches are being used regardless of "open" status that safety measures should be taken. Pelissier will have a sign made for the beach that emphasizes social distancing and states that beach parking will be limited to the parking lot (no roadside parking). The Commission will ask the Sanbornton PD to patrol when available to help enforce. Additionally, no raft will be put out on the lake this year as there is limited space on the raft. New ropes were purchased but we will hold those in storage until the old ropes are no longer salvageable. Pelissier will sanitize the port-a-potties a couple times per week and monitor the cleanliness of the beach. Pelissier noted that there are pails available for cigarette disposal but it was decided by the Commission not to put those out to further discourage smoking on the beach. Olmstead noted that the Board of Selectmen are currently looking in to additional beach parking on town-owned land nearby.

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Summer Day Camp:

- Pelissier and Elliott reviewed the state guidelines and sent to the Commission prior to the meeting. They found that with the limitations set by the school district and those set by the state, it would be very difficult (and with some guidelines, impossible) to run a fun, safe and successful program.
- Riendeau made some suggestions on how she thought they could make it work. One limiting factor would be no use of hot water and only one bathroom for over 20 children
- The Pines Community Center reached out to Pelissier to let her know that they would have some limited availability for Sanbornton campers.
- Due to WRSD's scheduled paving in mid-August, camp dates could not be pushed out so camp is still limited to the original seven weeks stated, still leaving three weeks at the end of summer with no coverage for childcare
- Smith suggested implemented Virtual Day Camp. Elliott stated that she has been working with both the staff and Sanbornton Public Library on ideas for this. Pelissier stated that she has also received ideas from parents.
- Smith asked Seavey her thoughts as a parent impacted by not having camp. Seavey stated it would be a hardship, however paying for a program with such limitations wouldn't be beneficial either. Seavey also asked to abstain from the vote on cancelling camp.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Whetstone to cancel Summer Day Camp for 2020, refer parents to The Pines Community Center, and also offer virtual opportunities.

Riendeau accepted. Olmstead accepted. Smith accepted. Whetstone accepted. Seavey abstained.

Motion passed.

- Pelissier created a statement to send to parents about camp being cancelled. The Commission reviewed, made suggested changes to finalize and post.
- Pelissier has created a spreadsheet for the town Treasurer to help expedite refunds so that parents may utilize those funds for other means of childcare
- Smith and Pelissier noted their appreciation for the school board for providing the opportunity to run the program.
- Smith thanked Pelissier and Elliott for all of their hard work and dedication to the program
- Pelissier made a final note that the NH Parks & Rec had sent out survey so town representatives could indicate if they would be holding a summer camp or not. From those that participated, the results showed that the majority were closed.

Other Business:

- Gate for Hermit Lake was previously approved. When the Highway Department picked it up, it was dented so it was returned and refunded but new gate was never purchased. Due to more trash on the beach recently, a new gate was purchased (moving budget line items appropriately). The Sanbornton Police Department will have a key to open and close the gate each date. The gate at the Town Park will also be replaced at the same time.

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- Whetstone noted that there is still vacancy on the Commission. She may have someone interested and will follow up.

A motion was made by Seavey and seconded by Riendeau to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Affirmative-Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom video call.

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