

Town of Sanbornton Recreation Commission Minutes, January 12, 2021

Virtual meeting conducted via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Amanda Pelissier.

Roll call taken by Amanda Pelissier, Recreation Coordinator:

Amanda Pelissier, present, no one else present.

Joel Smith, Chairman, present, no one else present.

Jacquelyn Riendeau, present, family home.

Colleen Longo, present, family home.

Barbara Whetstone, present, on one else present.

John Olmsted, Selectmen representative, present, on one else present.

Tracy Seavey, Secretary, not present.

John Olmstead read the Meeting Preamble during Covid 19 emergency. Whetstone volunteered to take minutes.

Minutes of November 20, 2020 were read. No discussion. Olmstead moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Smith. Roll call vote to accept was unanimous.

December Recreation Commission financials were reviewed by Pelissier. Office supplies included printer ink and stationary for the Santa letters. Riendeau motioned to accept financials, Smith seconded. Roll call vote to accept unanimous.

The Sanbornton Recreation Commission report for the Town of Sanbornton Annual report reviewed. Several commission members commented on the report being well done. Minor typo corrections were identified which Pelissier agreed to make.

Coordinator Update:

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM was cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions and small attendance. The program was costing more than the income.

YOUTH BASKETBALL did not occur this season due to unavailable gym due to Covid restrictions.

CHRISTMAS SANTA LETTER PROGRAM received good feedback. Over 45 letters were received. Pelissier wrote response to all letters.

GUNSTOCK OUTREACH SKI AND SNOWBOARD PROGRAM registered 24 Sanbornton children. Registration fee was \$25 which allowed participants to receive discounted season passes.

SNOWMAN SHOWCASE will include all ages. After the next significant snowstorm, residents will be invited to build a snowman and take pictures of their snowman to be entered in a contest. Prize to be determined.

A VALENTINE'S DAY FAMILY PAINTING EVENT was proposed by Pelissier. Olmstead stated this was a good idea but due to Covid 19 restrictions it was not a good time to be held. Whetstone suggested an online painting class with instruction with supplies being available to be picked up at the Town Hall prior to the event. Pelissier stated she was not an artist but would look for someone. Longo offered suggestions to help. Whetstone also suggested the idea of

online classes for seniors such as art and yoga classes.

SUMMER DAY CAMP is being planned by Pelissier in hopes of being able to offer this program next summer. She suggested having events which could come to the camp such as WildLife Encounters. Riendeau stated this program needs to be booked well in advance due to its popularity.

OTHER BUSINESS retaliated to the Town Park:

Pelissier reported having done research to determine the feasibility of having a flooded ice skating rink at the Town Park. According to Primax, there are no restrictions on having a rink at the park and no added insurance costs. She has collected information from Tilton, Gilford and Meredith regarding their skating rinks. The need for a recreation building was also raised. Fund raising ideas were shared. Donations can be received and placed in the trust funds. There are two trust funds. 1975 Fund has \$1668 and the 2017 Fund has \$8500. Amanda will forward the Town Park Master Plan to the members.

After visiting the town park recently, Whetstone reported a need to beautify the park. When the park was first established, a berm with evergreen bushes was supposed to be planted between the town transfer station and the road leading into the park. This has not happened. There are now two old rusty storage units in the parking lot and a chain-link gate which distract from the beauty of the park. Several recommendations were made:

Riendeau: Plant White Pines

Smith: Will talk with foresters about best greenery to plant.

Pelissier: Will discuss with the Conservation Commission

Longo: Will contact the Sanbornton Gardening Club to inquire if interest in planting at the town park.

Due to multiple town park needs, Whetstone suggested a subcommittee be formed to address these needs and made a motion to "Pursue the formation of a Sanbornton Town Park Committee". Seconded by Longo.

Role call vote:

Olmstead: yes

Smith: yes

Whetstone:yes

Riendeau: yes

Longo:yes

Olmstead instructed the commission to write a letter to the BOS and to request Trish to schedule a time on the BOS agenda to discuss the formation of a town park committee. Whetstone agreed to write the letter.

Riendeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Roll call vote to adjourn unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone