

# Town of Sanbornton ~ Recreation Commission~ Meeting Minutes

*August 9, 2022 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ DPW Building*

**Members:** Joel Smith (Chair), Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, Jax Riendeau, Bob Lambert (Selectman Rep), Amanda Pelissier (Recreation Coordinator)

Meeting opened at 7:06 pm.

**Present:**

Joel Smith, Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, Jax Riendeau, Bob Lambert, Dolly Elliott, and Amanda Pelissier (Recreation Coordinator)

**Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from June 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Hobby-Reichstein to accept the meeting minutes with any corrections.

**Vote: Smith & Hobby-Reichstein Approve. Riendeau abstains. Motion passes.**

**Financials:**

A motion was made by Hobby-Reichstein and seconded by Smith to accept the June & July financials.

**Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.**

**Budget for FY23-24:**

Motion made by Smith to approve the proposed budget for the next fiscal year 23-34. Riendeau second the motion.

**Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.**

Smith mentioned that the increase is really only 3.8% if you do not include the staff wages which were increased in January per the bOs.

**Coordinators Update**

**Summer Day Camp:**

Pelissier mentioned that the library would like to move their programming to Tuesdays next year, which is not a problem for our program at all. Field Trips have been a pleasure to attend this summer and Pelissier shared an email that was received from someone who was visiting Whales Tale the same day Summer Camp did and how they were so impressed with our camper's behavior and our staffs interactions with the campers. Last field trip is tomorrow (Wednesday 8/10 to Fisher Cats game. Elliott spoke about some behavior issues involving the girls bathroom, which have now been taken care of. She also mentioned that having 45 campers and only 4 staff along with only 2 volunteers has been difficult to juggle this summer.

**Swim Lessons:**

NHSwim made the decision to cancel all four weeks of swim lessons due to staffing issues which has been chaotic for Pelissier to juggle. Saplings has offered additional swim lessons, which are not affiliated with Sanbornton Rec but were at least an additional option for families. Refunds and/or credits toward future recreation programs are in the works of being figured out and has been a process due to not having a town treasurer.

**Challenger Soccer Camp:**

This was a wonderful opportunity for the community and a great program to work with for Pelissier. The first day of camp had to be canceled due to thunderstorms but was rescheduled to Tuesday as a full day 9:00am – 3:00pm versus 9:00am – 12:00pm. Pelissier heard feedback from parents, as well as the coaches that the full day was such a success

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they would love to offer a full day program next summer! Sanbornton Recreation receives \$180 rebate back from the program.

## **Old Home Day:**

The parade was a fun success, with about 20 children and families joining on bikes, a side by side, and we even had two yorkies join in the fun! The climbing wall did not have a big turn out and Pelissier mentioned that maybe having some signs stating the wall is free might bring in some more kids next year. Lots of children were enjoying the playground and families were filling up the new picnic tables on the playground area. There was a lot of debris from the fireworks left on the field. Pelissier stated she does not mind cleaning up the mess but did say that it should not be all her responsibility. Riendeau was under the impression that it was all mowed last year and taken care of and did not know that Pelissier had cleaned it up last year as well. The issue will be brought up at the Old Home Day Committee meeting.

The Town Park Committee had planned on coming out to the night portion of Old Home Day and talk up the Town Park beautification process and hand out Koozies with a beautiful logo a member had made. Unfortunately due to staffing issues at Staples, where the order was placed, the koozies were not received in time. The logo and koozies costs \$163.62 total.

## **Beach Yoga:**

Another unsuccessful beach yoga attempt with only 2 people showing up total for all three dates in July. The library is willing to let the yoga instructor hold classes on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and is willing to charge \$30 or 50% (whichever is higher) until the program builds itself. The commission is willing to try it again but is more interested in offering a night yoga session with a minimum of 5 people to run the class. Riendeau mentioned if she wanted to do early mornings, she could offer her a yurt for classes. Pelissier will reach out to Maya and see if that is something she would be interested in trying.

## **Fall Sports:**

Registration is low right now but with Winnisquam Athletics, Winnisquam Moms Group, Sant Bani, and Sanbornton Central Elementary School sharing the flyers the hope is that it will start to fill up. Two coaches are still needed for K-1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams. Field Hockey may have to be combined with the Pines if numbers continue to stay low. Pelissier already spoke with them and they are willing to take them. Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> DC Photography will be coming to take soccer photos at the field.

## **Town Park Sub-Committee:**

Pelissier and Trish Stafford met with Hiltz at the town park about leveling the sand. They need a topography map done so they can better asses how to level the area. The bOs plans to gather quotes for the costs of that.

## **Revolving Funds:**

A motion was made to not exceed \$7,650 for the remainder of Summer Day Camp, Fall Sports needs, Halloween, and end of summer celebration.

**Vote: Riendeau made the motion. Smith second the motion**

**All affirmative.**

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## **Other Business**

**Ice Rink:** Pelissier spoke with the new ice rink manager, Phil, who stated the rink is booked but can change our usage times to 3:00pm-5:45pm, which Pelissier was thrilled about because it's earlier on a Sunday (school night) and works out better for families. A flyer will be created for the next meeting in September.

**Adult Trip:** Pelissier is looking to schedule adult trips again now that places are all open and transportation is more lenient with their restrictions. Jackie Bonafide from Sanbornton Connects will be emailed to ask her contacts for some ideas going forward and Pelissier asked the commission if they had any ideas to send them to her via email.

**Youth Volleyball Clinics:** Pelissier is looking into holding volleyball clinics for grades 5 and up to be held during school vacations. There are no volleyball programs around this area and Pelissier would like to see how the turn out would be for clinics before the thoughts of a potential new program. Pelissier will be helping to coach the Middle School Volleyball team this year to help gain some insight on the coaching aspect so she can successfully run any future programming. She will gather more information for the next meeting.

**Before/After Care Program:** DHHS has awarded another grant to the program in the amount of \$7,425 which breaks down to \$165 per child we are licensed for (45). This can be used towards staff incentives, materials or supplies, and staff trainings.

### **Candy Bar BINGO:**

Pelissier would like to have its first official fundraiser for Town Park Beautification at the Old Town Hall. She will have more information for the next meeting and the logistics of how it will work.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 20th 7:00pm at the Highway Garage

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*