

# **Town of Sanbornton ~ Recreation Commission~ Meeting Minutes**

***September 14, 2021 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~DPW Building***

**Members:** Joel Smith (Chair), Colleen Longo, Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, Barbara Whetstone and John Olmstead (Selectmen Representative)

Meeting opened at 7:04pm.

**Present:** Joel Smith, Colleen Longo, Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, Barbara Whetstone, John Olmstead, Amanda Pelissier and Dolly Elliot

## **Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from August 10, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Longo to accept the meeting minutes.

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

## **Financials:**

August financials were reviewed. Pelisser reports that swim lessons revenue was more than expenditure this year for the first time in many years. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Longo to accept the August financials.

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

## **Budget FY22:**

Budget has been submitted to BOS. Draft Budget was emailed to Recreation Commission members and questions from members were addressed.

## **Upcoming Recreation Commission Meeting Flyer**

Draft Flyer informing public of upcoming 2022 Recreation Commission Meetings was reviewed by Commission Members and approved.

## **Childcare Achievement Stabilization Program Grant**

Before and After School Program's application for Childcare Achievement Stabilization Program Grant as part of the DHHS American Rescue Plan Act was successful. The program has been awarded a total of \$8,800 to be invoiced in 3 installments of \$2904, \$2904 and \$2992. Grant monies can be utilized for wages, benefits, cleaning supplies, utilities, or other services/needs to maintain the program and afterschool program. Grant monies will be used to sustain the current program.

## **Before and After School Program:**

Elliot reported the morning program has hit capacity based on staffing. Max capacity is 30 children. The program has between 25-28 daily with 2 new children entering the program. Other families interested in utilizing the before school program will be put on a wait list. The afternoon program is quieter, average 16 children.

Elliot reported running the program with the school's lack of masking requirement and social distancing as been nerve racking. Longo asked if requiring masking for the before and after school program was possible. There was discussion. The program has always followed the school's protocols and will continue to do so at this time. As the weather allows, the program has had children outside as much as possible. This allows children to have a morning recess which is no longer part of the regular school day.

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McKayla has left her position with the program. She is still substituting when needed. Joey, who assisted with summer camp, has worked into her position. Savannah is now 16 year olds and can fill the childcare assistant role as long as she is supervised due to her age.

Elliot informed the Commission that after 43 years servicing the town in this position, she has given her notice as she is ready to move on. She has graciously agreed to stay on until a replacement has been found. Smith commended Elliot on her outstanding work with this program and thanked her for her service to Sanbornton families. Her shoes will be difficult to fill. All members affirmed Smith's comments. Smith advised that the Commission actively search for a suitable replacement to allow Elliot to step down in a timely fashion.

Elliot provided the members with copies of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules [He-C 4002.32 "Requirements for Child Care Personnel in Center Program], outlining the requirements for Center directors and site directors. Elliot advised that she was hired as a Center director but the program is not required to have a Center director. A site director would be required. Pelissier provided a copy of the current job description for a Before & After & Summer Camp Director. This position averages 30 hours a week during the school year and 40 hours a week in the summers.

Pelissier reports she will be working on getting the word out about this open position. Position will be posted to indeed.com and with Lakes Region Community College. Longo reports she will assist in spreading the word on social media once a flyer is put together. A hiring committee is to be formed and members will assist with interviewing.

## **Yoga:**

Maya is out of town. TBA when she will be holding class. Expected to be a morning class.

Janice's yoga class started their second session tonight. Class time was moved to 430-6pm Tuesday and Thursday due to a scheduling conflict with the Planning Board. Classes are being held at the Old Town Hall. Enrollment has been increasing. There were 7 attendees at the last yoga class.

## **Soccer & Field Hockey:**

Soccer and Field Hockey have started.

There are 19 participants in preschool soccer. We have 2 coaches.

There are 22 participants registered for K-1 soccer with 1 coach, parents have volunteered to assist.

There was 18 participants in 2-3rd soccer with 2 coaches

Enrollment for 4th-6th soccer was low. The 4-6th program was combined with the Pines. Sanbornton players are going to the Pines to play.

There are 12 participants in 3rd-6th field hockey. This team includes players from Franklin and the Pines.

There were only 2 enrollees for K-2nd field hockey. The team was combined with the Pines. Sanbornton players are going to the Pines to play.

## **Volleyball:**

Volleyball started last night. There were 10 participants.

## **Pickleball:**

Pickleball started tomorrow night. There are 5 people registered.

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## **Town Park Subcommittee:**

The Town Park Subcommittee is meeting on Thursday September 16th, 2021 at 7pm.

The Commission is appreciative that a group of Sant Bani students conducted a clean up exercise at the town park. They did a lot of raking and cleaning up. The park looks great.

## **Halloween activities:**

Pelissier reports that Trunk or Treat is planned for Sunday October 31st at the SCS parking lot. There was discussion of using the town park again as it was a lovely space for this event last year. As other town Halloween events, like the fire department's pancake dinner, are centrally located, the decision was made to stay at the SCS parking lot. Chief Dexter will be participating. Pelissier will be reaching out to Chief Hankard as well.

Pelissier reports the Halloween Party is planned for Saturday October 23rd from 3-5pm at SCS. Blow ups for this event need to be replaced. They have been used for many years and are no longer safe.

Pelissier has a number of leftover non-perishable halloween items that can be used at this event. Smith motioned for \$1200 from revolving fund monies to be approved for the purchase of new blow ups, candy, and decorative items for the Halloween Party. Motion was seconded by Olmstead.

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

## **Scarecrow Contest:**

Pelissier presented a flyer for a Sanbornton scarecrow decoration challenge. Submissions to be emailed to recommission. A pumpkin to be given as a prize. Last year's Snowman Showcase had low participation. A scarecrow challenge may have more participation.

## **Other Business:**

Whetstone recommended floating another senior hiking event on the Sanbornton trails. A senior hiking event was previously shelved due to the pandemic. Longo and Whetstone recommended pursuing this again as we are offering activities to youth, we should also be offering senior activities. Outdoor senior activities may be more appealing due to pandemic.

Whetstone asked for an update on an ice skating rink and proposed a survey of interest. Pelissier reports she is planning to reach out to Justin B. who has put together a previous plan for a DYI ice skating rink. Pelissier reported some contacts had advised the town park is not an ideal location as it can be difficult to plow in the winter which was confirmed by DPW head, Johnnie. There was discussion of an ice skating rink in the field behind the library. Olmstead pointed out this area will soon become a construction zone. Whetstone advised conducting the survey of interest and get more information about feasibility. Whetstone commented that the previously reviewed purchasable ice skating rinks Pelissier had looked into looked great and weren't expensive. Pelissier advised that the issue with a purchase rink is storage. Longo and Smith concurred that storage at the town park is needed.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7pm DPW Building

Respectfully Submitted:

**Kaela Hobby-Reichstein**

Amanda Pelissier, Coordinator

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

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