

Hanover Park & Recreation Board meeting minutes
Monday, January 12, 2015 6:30

Members present: Dean Lacy, Amy Vienna, Darlene Branche, Kathi Whitmore

Staff present: Liz Burdette

Selectmen Representative present: Bill Geraghty

1. **Welcome new board member:** not present; welcome next week
2. **Approval of minutes of December 8, 2014;** approved/seconded
3. **Public input:** none
4. **Committee assignments:** keep as is; new member, Mariruth Galbraith will join Budget Committee
5. **Discussion on progress of new gym facility:** not much movement since last meeting; meeting with architect scheduled for January 15th; want to shift direction of the building to improve parking situation, add green space and create a walkout basement for KAST

Bill G. noted that there is an exploratory evaluation on renovating nearby senior housing, which could impact the new gym facility.

Next step: hold a community forum to share the design. When: TBD

6. **Winter programs:** Going well; basketball is going smoothly. There are some lopsided games, thinking that it is due to competitors from schools with teams that have paid coaches.

Want to make sure that the coaches understand the rules of equitable playing time for all players; same rules don't apply to tournament games.

7. **Special events:**

- Pond Party, Feb 7th; building ice castle January 31st; L&M building castle; castle sponsored by the Byrne Foundation; Rotary doing the food again

Asked for feedback about the pond party: poor infrastructure (ex. Not enough bathrooms), location of the DJ, don't know where information tent is, don't know it's a Park & Rec-sponsored event.

Liz's goal: rebrand the event

Think about getting port-a-potties

Need new information T-shirts (saying "Hanover Park & Rec" on one side and a "?" on the back

We need creative ideas to bring in new funding; there is currently not enough to fund the event; ideas: 50/50 raffle; add line item to the budget to support funding?

- Playground meeting for Etna playground 1/16/15; have to cut \$30,000 from the design
- School dance 1/23/15, 7 – 9 @ RMS; need volunteers

8. **Facilities Report** – Report form Sherry (not provided at time of meeting)

9. **Report from Director** (on vacation);

- **Assistant Director:**

- The garden club has a greenhouse at the High School; Liz went to a meeting to see if the after school program can participate somehow
- Dartmouth students offering consulting: Park & Rec is looking for support on marketing ourselves

- **After School program:**

KAST enrollment for Dec (max 60 at Explorers and max 40 at Adventurers):

- Explorers: M: 60, Tu: 59, W: 60, Th: 58, F: 58
- Adventurers: M: 28, Tu: 29, W: 36, Th: 35, F: 23
- KAST Revenue: YTD \$153,514 (total revenue projected for the year \$310,965; outstanding balances: Adventurers \$2,127; Explorers \$3,907.50 (late Jan payments))
- Spaces at Ray School: we moved KAST back into the staff room over the Christmas break. We have settled nicely into our old spaces and have cubbies and are back to our regular schedule
- KAST positions: we had an amazing amount of college staff from summer camp work at KAST during the Dartmouth College students' break. It has been really nice to have full coverage at the program. The Dartmouth staff are returning this week and I still have some local college staff for this week, so we will have a nice overlap.

10. **New business:** none

11. **Future agenda items:** New board member