Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Boghosian, Darlene Branche, Dean Lacy, Tom Lyons, Amy Vienna, Kathi Whitmore Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette

MEETING NOTES

1. Approval of September 9, 2013 Minutes - Approved

2. Nomination of Officers

Members of the Hanover Parks and Recreation Board nominated and approved the following officers: President – Dean Lacy Vice President – Amy Vienna Secretary – Kathy Boghosian

3. Public Input - None

4. Fall Update

Hank reported that things are rolling along; all teams are doing well. He is currently hiring coaches for the basketball program.

5. Special Events

The Great Hanover Hunt held on Sunday, September 29 drew 51 people and was a fun family event. The Hunt was co-sponsored by Hanover Recreation and the Upper Valley Running Club.

The 1st Annual Fallfest held on Friday, October 4 at Storrs Pond was very successful and well attended. Parking was the only issue that needs to be addressed next year.

6. Reports from Directors

Director, Hank Tenney

The Etna rink is ready to be filled (90' by 68'). The rink is for skating – no organized hockey. The parking lot is ready, and the grass field is seeded. Three new lights have been installed replacing old fixtures.

The Thompson Terrace Pavilion donation board is going up next week listing all donors. A bulletin board has been put up at Thompson Terrace, which will display upcoming events. A bigger baseball infield (70') will be in place before winter.

Farr Field will have some cutting out in the infield to get ready for spring.

The 28th Annual Hanover Recreation 3rd/4th Grade Co-ed Soccer Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 13, 12:00 - 4:30 at Sachem Field. Thirty-three teams will play 6v6 games.

There are now 7 parking spaces for Hanover Parks and Recreation staff at 44 Lebanon Street, allowing more parking for visitors at the RWC Black Center. The Hanover Board of Selectmen has not made a final decision on the use of 44 Lebanon Street.

Assistant Director, Liz Burdette

See notes above under special events.

Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer

No report

KAST Program Director, Nicole Leonard

Written Report submitted by Nicole

Enrollment for September:

Explorers: Mon 50, Tues 50, Wed 50, Thurs 51 and Fri 46 Adventurers: Mon 33, Tues 35, Wed 45, Thurs 40 and Fri 25

Special Events & Field Trips:

We went to the UVAC on 9/18 when Hanover Schools had a noon release; the kids had a great time! We played games and baked last Wednesday here at the Recreation Center. We will be going to Poverty Lane Orchards to go through the corn maze and pick a pumpkin from the patch on October 23.

It is more of a challenge to plan field trips this school year with such a large group. I am working on getting more special events set up onsite at RMS.

Staff:

Both of our new lead staff members at Adventurers (Site Director and Site Supervisor) gave their notice. They both indicated that they found jobs with more hours. We have placed the ads in the paper once again and have offered 30 hours versus 20 that the position was originally advertised in hopes of creating a larger pool of candidates.

Words from a new parent:

"I think your staff does a great job. They always seem so attentive to and engaged with the kids and on top of everything. Plus, everyone is so pleasant to talk with. We appreciate everyone's hard work and kindness. It's great to have such a wonderful place to send the kids to after school." – This parent has 1 child at our Explorers site and 2 children at our Adventurers site.

- 7. New Business The Recreation Board voted to move the monthly meetings to the second Thursday of the month.
- 8. Future Agenda Items 44 Lebanon Street Approval/Expansion

Next Meeting - November 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.