

## HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Graham, Kathy Boghosian, Amy Vienna, Darlene Branche, Dean Lacy, Tom Lyons

Members Absent: Dave Parsons

Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette

### MEETING NOTES

#### 1. Approval of January 2012 Minutes

#### 2. Public Input – none

#### 3. Pond Party Wrap-up - Bill Young

Overview: Successful, festive, crowded (estimate 2,000 attended), cool but not cold, excellent ice but marginal snow, no injuries, more expensive and fun.

Observation: Planning with Dartmouth, town and L&M Contractors was intense. Dartmouth plows the pond and donates \$1,500. Castle ice harvest was subcontracted, excellent job and schedule, more expensive (cost jumped from \$1,000 to \$2,750). Extra funding received from Lions Club, Rotary and Ledyard Bank. Volunteer quality was great, Parks and Recreation staff hard working and creative.

Recommendations: Consider asking the town to contribute in kind money. Jeff Graham will draft a letter of request to Selectmen.

#### 4. Winter Programs

Basketball is ending soon. The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Invitational Basketball Tournament starts February 18 and runs through February 26 for 88 youth basketball teams.

#### 5. Policy Committee

The committee's drafted policies on dedications of Parks and Recreation facilities, and advertising on facilities has to be presented to the Town Selectmen. The advertising policy may go to Planning and Zoning Board first, and have Selectmen make decision after.

#### 6. Special Events

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 7. Two Middle School Dances are planned for June, one at Richmond Middle School for grades 6 through 8, and a semi-formal at the Rec Center for grades 7 and 8.

#### 7. Reports from Directors

##### Director, Hank Tenney

Bids for the Thompson Terrace Playground are due February 22. The budget will be presented to the Selectmen at the meeting on February 29.

##### Assistant Director, Liz Burdette

Attendance is up for February Vacation Mini-Camp scheduled February 20-25. The Mini-Camp will now include kindergartners through sixth graders.

The Middle School Snowball Dance was held at the Richmond Middle School on January 20. There were 215 kids in attendance.

##### Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer

Written report submitted by Sherry

1) Our Family Dinner Dance Night on January 27<sup>th</sup> was a big hit. We had 58 people attend. Our taco dinner and nacho dessert, as well as our jell-o cups, were gobbled up. Line Dancing was a major hit with Salsa Dancing being tried by a brave group. Instruction by the Upper Valley Dance Club started the entertainment with a dance performance. We were helped out by YIA kids and many attendees stayed to help clean up.

2) Our renters remain strong. The ILEAD Winter Session is almost over with a smaller spring line-up to begin in March. Gina is offering more of her Middle Eastern Dance classes at the Center for the winter/spring and has seen a slight dip in the numbers for spring. Tae

Kwon Do has great numbers and used our Multi for a belt competition at the beginning of the month. Party numbers are back up and booking 2-4 reservations per weekend.

3) I am starting on the Spring Brochure, which gets distributed on March 1. Looking for new ideas if anyone has anything they would like Liz and I to pursue. We have been approached by a Norwich chiropractor to offer a wellness program and we will be including that in our Spring Brochure.

4) To-date we have collected reservation revenue totaling \$48,937 for the fiscal year 2011-12. Last year at this time we were at \$39,343.

**KAST Program Director, Nicole Leonard**

Written report submitted by Nicole

**Staff:**

We are welcoming Alyssa Castellini to KAST. She took the position of Adventurer Site Supervisor. Alyssa has a bachelor of education degree with a major in Primary education (k-6). We are very excited to have her as part of our team!

**Enrollment & Waitlist:**

Enrollment continues to be steady with slight increases in daily numbers.

**Activities at KAST:**

It has been especially hard this winter to carry out many of our outdoor adventures due to the lack of snow but Brian and Ali are doing their best.

KAST Adventurers carved a snow sculpture for the Occom Pond Party. Students went last week to the pond Tuesday through Thursday to work on the thrown and gum drop lane. We had a couple of shifts of queens in the thrown during the Pond Party handing out lollipops and posing for pictures.

8. **New Business** – none

9. **Future Agenda Items** – Selectmen Meeting Town Hall February 29

**Next Meeting** – March 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.