

## HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Graham, Kathy Boghosian, Clare Brauch, Tom Lyons, Dean Lacy

Members Absent: Jay Rozzi, Dave Parsons

Staff Present: Hank Tenney

Also Present: Bill Young

### MEETING NOTES

1. Approval of January 2011 Minutes
2. **Public Input** - none
3. **Pond Party** – Bill Young attended the meeting to give a Post Pond Party report. See attached report.
4. **“250” Report**  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a big festival. The band “Buckwheat” will perform Saturday night. There are many ways to help with events – volunteers needed. Tom Lyons will ask graphic arts acquaintance to help. John Manchester will be in charge of the parade.
5. **Muster Day Report**  
Muster Day, May 30<sup>th</sup> is the start of the 250<sup>th</sup> Upper Valley Celebration. There will be two benches dedicated by the cemetery as well as a boulder with a plaque. It was decided that a flagpole would not be erected. Hank is hoping to get Tom Byrne to speak at the event.
6. **Winter Update**  
Basketball is over. The 36<sup>th</sup> Hanover Invitational Basketball Tournament went well – 80 teams participated and there were 17 different championships.
7. **DACC Report** – DACC met, but Dave Parsons was out of town and unable to attend. He will request a meeting report.
8. **Reports from Directors**  
**Director, Hank Tenney**  
The Hanover Parks and Recreation budget will be presented to the town selectmen in March.

#### **Assistant Director, Liz Burdette**

Written report submitted by Liz

#### **Pond Party**

In addition to Bill’s report. I was pleased with the party despite the challenges we faced prior to the event. People were slow to arrive but by 1 pm the party seemed to be at Norman attendance numbers. There were no problems during the event. One of the challenges during the event was lack of volunteers. Some of the events didn’t have as many volunteers as I would have liked but I was able to make it work. One thing that works well for volunteers is to find a group that can own an event. The girl scouts own the penguin bowling and Jeff Graham owned the hockey shooting, and this year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student council owned the ice fishing. I would like to find other groups to own more events. By owning an event they agree to arrange volunteers for the afternoon.

Thank you to board members Jeff, Kathy, and Clare for their work on the event.

#### **Vacation Camp**

Last week our highest enrollment was 27 kids and our lowest day Friday was 17. I had great staff, mostly counselors from the summer program. We had fun and explored a variety of activities from Zumba to making wooden airplanes. At the beginning of the week 12 kids were registered for Friday and by the end of the week 5 more had asked to come back on the last day because they were having a great time.

#### **Intern**

Ally Piersall is working with us on Mondays and Wednesdays. She is a senior at Colby-Sawyer. She has been a great addition to the office. She has been gaining experience programming at vacation camp, working to organize the games at Pond Party, creating flyers for the 250<sup>th</sup>, and staffing events like the middle school dance and family night. Ally will be with us into April.

### Family Night

There was a great turn out to see Douglas Coughlin of just under 100 people. Unfortunately the show didn't live up to our expectations. The kids seemed to enjoy the show and the parents talked amongst themselves. We will try again this spring with another performer.

### Next Event

The next special event is the egg hunt in April. I work with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student council on this event. They stuff the eggs and volunteer at the event, it is great to have their help!

### **After School Adventures, Nicole Leonard**

Written Report submitted by Nicole

#### Special Events

Outdoor Programming: This Wednesday is our last session of a five- week outdoor program through Wild Northeast Adventures in Ascutney, VT. They have come to the Richmond School and run snowshoeing, cross country skiing, team building, and snow sculptures with the ASA group. The kids have had a great time. Provided there is still snow we plan to visit their location on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, which is a half- day of school in Hanover.

#### ASA Numbers

The ASA numbers dropped slightly during the month of January and February due to Ford Sayre skiing but I assume will come back up at the end of the March.

### **Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer**

Written report submitted by Sherry

- 1) Working on the Spring Brochure to be distributed on March 1.
  - 2) Gearing up for Spring ILEAD. We will have another full session with nine classes. All other major renters are going strong despite the economy; Middle Eastern Dance, Jamie Orr Dance Classes, Tae Kwon Do and church groups are still happy renters.
  - 3) Basketball season is almost over with only a few minor scheduling/juggling glitches between us and the schools.....really have gotten to know the custodians better☺
  - 4) To-date we have collected reservation revenue totaling \$40,694 for the fiscal year 2011. Last year at this time we were at \$39,745. Not quite where I would like to be but I am going into banquet/party season so I am confident that I will meet my budget of \$57,000.
9. **New Business** – Jeff Graham talked about the Thompson arena refurbishing. He would like to see if Dartmouth might donate the hockey boards for the proposed outdoor hockey rink to be build adjacent to Champion Rink.
10. **Future Agenda Items**  
Volunteer of the Year

**Next Meeting** – March 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.