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**Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Monday, June 13th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Jeff Graham's house

Members Present: Jeff Graham, Clare Brauch, Dean Lacy, Tom Lyons, Dave Parsons

Members Absent: Kathy Boghosian, Jeff Rozzi

Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette

**MEETING NOTES**

1. Approval of May 2011 Minutes

2. **Public Input** - none

3. **"250" Report**

The opening of the Pig & Wolf exhibit was a huge success. The statues look great and are now in their places downtown. The Pig & Wolf auction (Hog Wild Party) will be in the fall. The Pig & Wolf auction committee meets Thursdays at 11am at the Rec Center.

Jay Barrett put together an exhibit of photos of historic Hanover. The photos are displayed on posters around town. *Hanover Magazine* has a story about the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration on its front cover.

4. **Muster Day Report**

Muster Day was a success with a large crowd and a 45-minute ceremony. Jeff Graham was master of ceremonies. The plaque and three benches are in place in Hanover Center.

5. **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

The town will have a Fireworks display on July 2 at the Rugby Field at Reservoir Road. The Hanover Police Department will handle Route 10 traffic. The Rec Dept needs 4 to 5 volunteers to keep people from walking onto the Rugby Field.

The town will have July 3 celebration on the Dartmouth Green with live music (Buckwheat Zydeco).

The July 4 parade will begin at 10:30am. Liz is working on volunteer sign-ups for the parade. Sixteen groups are scheduled to walk in the parade

6. **Spring Update**

Lacrosse ended and baseball will be over this week. The new field at Thompson Terrace was open and in use for spring baseball. All spring programs went well.

7. **Summer Programs**

Summer camp is now fully staffed and starts June 29. Training will be the Friday, Monday, and Tuesday prior to the camp start at the Rec Dept (Tuesday at the Ray School). Camp will last 6 weeks.

The Challenger soccer program begins August 11.

8. **DACC Report** – DACC has not since met the April Rec Board meeting. Nothing to report.

9. **Reports from Directors**

**Director, Hank Tenney**

The Thompson Terrace playground space is ready. A playground committee is forming, including three members of the Thompson Terrace neighborhood, and Rec Board members Jeff Graham and Dean Lacy. The playground will occupy an 80-foot by 40-foot space with playground equipment for children up to 12 years old. Construction of the playground is on hold until all funds are available. A generous \$10,000 pledge from the Byrne Foundation is available to defray part of the estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 cost. Proceeds from the Pig & Wolf Auction will provide additional funding.

The Town received 10.1 acres on Grasse Road across from Camp Brook. The Lightning Soccer Club will help the Town build soccer fields. Construction will begin in the fall. The Town will manage the fields, which will have lighting.

Dartmouth College has donated the boards from Thompson Arena to the Town. The boards will be used to build an outdoor hockey rink near Campion, behind the Etna Fire Station, or at Farr Field. The best location appears to be behind the right field fence of the baseball field behind Campion Rink.

**Assistant Director, Liz Burdette**

The semi-formal for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders was held at the RWBCC on June 3, 7-9pm. Attendance was 190.

A barbecue for 6<sup>th</sup> graders was held on Saturday, June 11. This was a chance for Norwich students transitioning to the Richmond Middle School to meet with Ray School students. Only 15 kids attended. The event will probably be moved to a Friday evening next year in order to increase attendance.

**After School Adventures, Nicole Leonard**

1) Field Trips in June:

On June 8<sup>th</sup> we had our final session of CATV – video production and a premier party. The videos were fantastic!

June 15<sup>th</sup> will be our end of the year celebration with parents and children

June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Miniature golf at Fore U and Ice Cream

June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Last day party. ASA and HASP will celebrate together with a party at Storrs Pond.

2) Registration:

2011-12 Registration was conducted in May for both programs grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. I am in the process of filling any open slots with families from the waitlist.

3) New Name for the Program:

A name has not been decided as of yet. Idea brought forward from the HASP board was T-HASP, Town of Hanover After School Program, and then give the grades 1-3 a fun name and grades 4-6 a fun name that relates to the grade 1-3 name. Another idea is HASA, Hanover’s After School Adventures, and then use ASA-Ray for grades 1-3 and ASA-Richmond for grades 4-6. Please pass on to me any suggestions you may have.

**Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer**

1) New things at the Center: We have made some purchases to enhance center programs, the most important and potentially useful is a hearing device. It has a transmitter and 4 receiver/headset units. It has been used at ILEAD classes and most recently at last week’s Senior Center Move day where the device received rave reviews. We have also purchased external speakers, a sewing machine, and new 6 foot tables, all very useful items in enhancing/outfitting our programs and special events. This summer I anticipate we will also have the floor resurfaced as we do each summer.

2) Our first Quilt-A-Thon for Haiti was such a great success that our next event will be held on Friday, June 18 from 10-4 where we will work on larger adult size quilts. Janet has made arrangements with our Haiti contact Bob Parker to travel to Port-Au-Prince to meet with the folks who will take our quilts to the village in need. She will also be working at the Mission to help teach people to sew for themselves. Contributions and donations of fabrics are gladly accepted.

3) Summer and fall reservations continue to come in . ILEAD has already reserved 20 class times for the fall, Gina Capposela has reserved again for the summer and planning for the fall, as are TKD and Norwich Bridge. They are our 4 top renters. Our top ten are listed below with fees paid.

1. Gina Caposela – Middle Eastern Dance	\$8,415.06
2. Hanover Blue Wave Tae Kwon Do	7,643.75
3. ILEAD – Inst Lifelong Learning at Dartmouth	6,043.75
4. Norwich Bridge Club	5,730.00
5. Hanover Church of God	3,565.00
6. Living Waters Fellowship	3,220.00
7. Jamie Orr Dance	2,360.00
8. Christ Redeemer Church	1,470.00
9. The Princeton Review	1,190.00
10. Upper Valley Dance Club	1,000.00

Total for Top Ten Renters \$ 50,637.56 = 88% of \$57,000 2010-11 Budget

4) Statistical facility reservation use for 2010-2011 is as follows:

Multi-purpose Room	596 reservations
Bouncy House	132
- Our weekly use at Playhouse	76

- Party Renters	56
Room 204	63
Room 206 (Tiled Room)	523
Room 212	435
Room 214 (Crafts Room)	134
Room 215	179

5) To-date we have collected reservation revenue totaling \$65,745 for the fiscal year 2011, which exceeds our revenue budget of \$57,000 by \$8,745 and 2010 total of \$62,506 by \$3,239.

10. **New Business**

Friends of Hanover Football Night will be June 18.

11. **Future Agenda Items**

The Rec Board will need a new member.

**Next Meeting** – September 12, 6:30p.m.