

**New Durham Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes February 27, 2014 @ 7:00PM
New Durham Public Library**

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Attendance – Bernier, Nyman, Veisel, Brulotte, Berry, Kellie Chase

Absent – Patti Luckern

Public input: David Bickford asked for clarification on a question Dot Veisel asked during candidates night. Kristyn advised that it was not appropriate to discuss the election during a board meeting, and that for the protection of everyone and not to make it appear as electioneering, and that no other candidates are present, Mr. Bickford was asked to speak with Dot after the meeting since she asked the question as a private resident.

David Bickford also asked why the Commission does not post an agenda. Kristyn stated that it is not mandated by law and members get an agenda at the meeting. Bickford requested a posted agenda citing it as the responsible thing to do. Kristyn took issue with the term responsible. Kristyn advised she would take it under advisement.

David Bickford then asked the group that if he became a Selectman, if anyone would be interested in videotaping Commission meetings for him. There was no interest from any member of the Commission.

Purchase Orders were signed for sweatshirts for the travel team, which the parents paid for but the Collins Sports was paid in one lump sum through the revolving fund.

Recreation Director's report: Kellie updated basketball and the success of the teams, with the travel team having a great season, and the ¾ girls and ¾ boys teams taking 1st and 2nd place respectively in their tournaments. The programs are rebuilding.

New Durham Baseball is now in the Kingswood Cal Ripken League. This change was made to ensure that the numbers remain constant for teams and that the move makes sense with the children all going to school together at Kingswood. Next year there will be no specified dues, so the budget will reflect an approximately \$500.00 decrease as a result. Parents will be picking up a higher cost for individual fees, however this also includes the child's hat, shirt, belt and socks for the season. The Suncook Valley League, State Cal Ripken Commission and KCRBL all agreed to the change. Kristyn will be attending the KCRBL meeting on March 04, with the hope that a representative from New Durham will be added to the group. KCRBL is very excited about bringing New Durham into the program, as everyone had a positive experience last year.

Kellie has a new flier out for activities.

Jennifer asked everyone to sign the by-law change made by Commission vote.

Kellie stated that DES explained the pump issue, and apparently when the pump was fixed in 2008-2009 following a lightening strike, PVC pipe was installed to replace the steel, and this is not

acceptable for a public water source. The deadline to make corrections to the issue is May 15, 2014. Kellie has been asked to research the issue and work with Bob Santoro and Mike Clark to take care of the situation expeditiously.

Marcia Berry advised that it appears as though the basketball court floor will be replaced in the summer as a result of the asbestos. This means that the CKC program will have to be shut down for potentially a month or more. Decisions need to be made with the direction of the program for the summer. Kristyn suggested having a work session specifically around this issue in March to make decisions and make parents aware in a timely fashion. Schedules were checked, and March 25, 2014 was chosen as the date to start with a CKC work session and then have the regular monthly meeting scheduled immediately so as not to tie up two separate nights.

Marcia Berry's last meeting of her appointment was this date. She is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren! The group thanked her for the many years she has been a cornerstone of the recreation department and for all of the behind the scenes things she has accomplished for the community. Marcia Berry has been a go to person for Rec and has given countless hours to the community. Her shoes will be difficult to fill. Marcia did say that she will continue to help out at events.

Kristyn did mention that there is a newer resident in town who is interested in being on the Recreation Commission, however her work schedule did not allow for her to join the group at this meeting. The hope is that she will be able to attend in March.

Dot had mentioned a training request for Laura McCarthy which had a cost associated with it. The sessions did not appear to be pertinent to her role as a before and after school day care director. Kellie Chase advised that she was attending a free Primex seminar which covered several pertinent topics around liability and safety that was very appropriate for CKC. Kellie offered to drive with Laura to the training which was scheduled for March 06, 2014 in Concord from 9-3. Kristyn asked Dot to contact Laura and advise her to attend the training and make necessary staffing adjustments for that day.

Kristyn Bernier made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 (a). Motion seconded by Jennifer Nyman. Roll call taken, all aye. Commission entered into non-public at 8:15PM. David Bickford was advised so he could turn off the video camera and exit the room.

See non-public minutes.

The Commission came out of non-public session at 9:03PM.

Minutes review was done, however since Patti Luckern was not present, a vote could not be taken to approve the January minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kristyn Bernier, Chair