

Sandown Recreation Commission Meeting
January 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron DuLong at 6:35 p.m. Members present were: George Blaisdell, Dawn Nicolaisen, Steve Brown, Ron DuLong, and Hans Nicolaisen, ex-officio member from the Board of Selectmen. Also present was Deb Brown, Recreation Director.

The minutes of December 7, 2011, were reviewed and discussed.
Steve Brown made a motion to accept the minutes.
George Blaisdell seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mrs. Brown reported that year-end 2011 expenses resulted in:

Recreation "Main" Budget	96.3% of amount budgeted for 2011
Summer Recreation	89.1%
Building Operations	95.8%

Mrs. Brown reported on recreation activities:

Holiday activities: December 21, holiday senior event at Garvey building, which included entertainment by Ken Shelton, humorist.

December 31 – magician Norman Ng. This gentleman also holds magic workshops for ages 8 – 16. This will be considered for a later project.

Both of these shows were well attended and very well liked.

Ballroom dancing has now expanded to three classes, with 15 couples on a wait-list.

A two-day school vacation program is planned. A Saturday "Zoo Creatures" program is being planned.

The archery instructor is trying to work out something with the Chester Rod and Gun Club. This can't be held at the school because of basketball (they are scheduled there until 7:30 Monday through Friday). Hans Nicolaisen will follow up on space at the Rod and Gun Club.

The after-school program will start up again in March (twice a week).

Mrs. Brown stated that she would like to interview for the summer program during the two weeks in March (which is Spring break for college), which is

not usually done until May. Mr. Nicolaisen asked if this would include life guards. Mrs. Brown said they would be included. Also, it was mentioned that a councilor had indicated an interest in becoming a life guard. Mrs. Brown would like to take this into consideration when she finalizes the needs for the summer program.

Mrs. Brown stated that she would like to discuss at the next meeting the subject of taking credit card payments

Mrs., Brown reported that she has been working with:

The Police Department, on the Community Outreach Program, a safety course, a boater safety course, and a gun safety course.

The Garden Club, who will be meeting monthly at the Garvey facility.

The Baseball Association, who is holding their registration and monthly meetings at the Garvey facility (Tuesdays). Their information, along with the soccer programs, is also posted on the Recreation web page – (with a note that these programs are not sponsored by the Recreation Department).

Mrs. Brown reported that the suspected water leak in the ceiling had actually been a nest of mice, which has since been resolved.

Mrs. Brown reported on her attendance at the annual recreation conference last week. She attended several sessions; in particular, the senior programming was most helpful. She would like to try a senior singing program started, and is working with the Plaistow Recreation Director to possibly combine the program. She also attended a workshop on grant writing.

Further, Mrs. Brown met with the Plaistow Recreation Director to see how they might be able to combine programs (for example bus trips). They are working on a bus trip with luncheon and entertainment for seniors.

Mrs. Brown stated that there is an 8-hour food safety certification course on February 1, presented by Serve Safe, at the Plaistow Town Hall. The cost of the course is \$150, and certification is for five years. After discussion it was decided that Sandown did not require certification at this point, and that it would be reviewed again next year.

Steve Brown made a motion to go into non-public.
Dawn Nicolaisen seconded the motion.

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Roll call vote: George Blaisdell-yes, Dawn Nicolaisen-yes, Hans Nicolaisen-yes, Steve Brown-yes, and Ron DuLong-yes. The meeting went into non-public at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting came out of non-public at 7:58 p.m. after voting to seal the minutes.

Mrs. Brown brought up the subject of snow removal and use of the Garvey snow-removal equipment. A procedure for access to the equipment will be given to the town officials.

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for February 1, 2012.

Steve Brown brought up the subject of having a sign for the Garvey building. After discussion it was decided that this was important to assist residents in locating the facility. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman
Recording Secretary