

Sandown Recreation Commission Meeting
August 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Chairman Ron DuLong. Members present were: Hans Nicolaisen, George Blaisdell, Michael Donovan, and Ron DuLong. Also present was Deb Brown, Recreation Director. Absent was Tom Tombarello, ex-officio member from the Board of Selectmen.

The minutes of the August 10, 2012 meeting were reviewed.
Ron DuLong made a motion to accept the minutes.
Hans Nicolaisen seconded the motion.
During a discussion, the following changes were suggested:

Line 54, the word "sign" be changed to "flagpole"
Line 104, the word "District" be changed to "Daniel Webster Council"
Line 144, the addition of "August 15" after "next Wednesday".

George Blaisdell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.
Ron DuLong seconded the motion.
The vote was three in favor, and one abstention (Mike Donovan).

The minutes of August 1 were reviewed.
Ron DuLong made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
George Blaisdell seconded the motion.
During a discussion it was suggested that Line 108 be changed from a specific date to "in the fall."
Ron DuLong made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.
George Blaisdell seconded the motion.
The vote was three in favor, and one abstention (Hans Nicolaisen).

The Non-Public minutes of the August 1 meeting were reviewed.
Ron DuLong made a motion to accept the minutes.
Michael Donovan seconded the motion.
There was no discussion.
The vote was three in favor and one abstention (Hans Nicolaisen).

Mrs. Brown reported on the summer program.

Inventories and evaluations are being done. There was one written warning which will be filed in the employee's file. A number of councilors received a verbal reprimand for using cell phones. Overall the summer program was a very positive experience. The attendance increased this year.

One of the tarps blew down. As a result there was no shade for one day at the Rec. Center. One of the councilors suffered from sun poisoning as a result. One estimate

for replacement of the tarp has been received. Mrs. Brown was instructed to get three estimates (according to the Town purchasing policy), and submit one to the insurance company.

Mrs. Brown asked if the Commission wanted to look at the councilor evaluations. She was advised that they were satisfied with her judgement.

Mrs. Brown advised that the trees that had to be removed from the beach cost \$650. She discussed the project and bill with Artie, and found that there were two dead trees plus another broken tree, plus other work. This will go under the recreation safety line. She also discussed the status of a "hanger" limb over the top of Miller "A" field.

During Community Week of the summer program, the children had several fund-raising programs (car wash, bikathon, and a lemonade stand) for the Sandown Food Pantry. Mrs. Brown delivered \$888 to Eleanor Bassett, in addition to about \$150 worth of groceries.

Mrs. Brown reported that the summer program participants wanted their cook-out to also be a "thank-you" to community members. A few local officials came and the campers gave tours, had a slide show of their events, and waited on tables.

Mrs. Brown advised that her latest contact with the supplier of material for the skate park had increased his price. The latest price for the used material is more than the price quoted for new. Hans Nicolaisen will contact the supplier.

Mrs. Brown stated that the beach will have coverage only for next week, and may need to be closed for the week of August 25. The life guards are going back to school and/or taking a few days of vacation.

Mr. Blaisdell asked about the Talent Show. Mrs. Brown said that there had been an embarrassing faux pas by one of the councilors, for which Mrs. Brown apologized, but the balance of the show was great.

Mrs. Brown has a request for a refund from a child who had paid for the Water Country trip, but could not attend because of illness. The Commission agreed to the refund.

Mrs. Brown suggested that for any future Eagle Scout projects, the Commission should set their own parameters including completion at least one month before their 18th birthday.

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Mrs. Brown stated that she had set the date for the town-wide yard sale for Saturday, September 8. To date no one has registered – August 30 is the last day. She may change the date to October 20. Mr. Nicolaisen asked about the town hall and recreation signs. Mrs. Brown had inquired about the town hall sign, but stated that she usually had about half of the total registrations by this time, and there needs to be time left to prepare the map. The Commission had no objection to changing the date of the sale.

Mr. Donovan reported that he has the material, and will soon repair the recreation window wells.

George Blaisdell asked if there was anything new about the parking situation at Miller Field. A brief discussion was held. Hans Nicolaisen will follow up on the deed situation with Josh Manning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman
Recording Secretary