

Approved May 4, 2016

Sandown Recreation Commission
April 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by John Donahue at 6:35 p.m. Members present were: John Donahue, Veronica Utman, and Terry Treanor, ex-officio. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director. Absent was George Blaisdell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of March 23, 2016, were reviewed.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by John Donahue.

Ms. Utman seconded the motion.

A discussion was held. It was suggested that some minor changes be made:

Line 32 – change “funds” to “fees”

Line 45 – (no name change) – just state “updating the policy”.

Line 53 – (need for baseball calendar) “in order to coordinate with the fertilizing and mowing contractors.”

The motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made by John Donahue.

Ms. Utman seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried, with Mr. Donahue and Ms. Utman in favor, and Mr. Treanor abstaining.

Mrs. Brown presented bills for approval:

Two \$10.00 deposit refunds for seniors who could not attend the Luau luncheon.

Rental fees for January through April for \$740 – pay to the Town of Sandown.

Check for \$936 for fees paid for the spring session of Ballroom Dance class.

Senior event (Luau) raffle prizes – check for \$50.

Mrs. Brown reported that she has set up a new program – for toddlers and pre-school children called “Groove and Grow.” This is provided by the Sonatina Center in Dover.

A certified music Instructor will be leading the sessions once a week for six weeks.

The bill will be covered by fees paid by parents.

Mrs. Brown presented a list of proposed candidates for the summer counselor positions. They have been interviewed by Mrs. Brown and the summer coordinators (Mike Donovan and Casey Lowe). She noted that all the candidates except one had been CIT's and campers.

After discussion, Mr. Donahue made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the following candidates for non-regular summer counselor positions, at a rate of \$8.25/hour.

Taylor Donovan
Samantha Hamilton
Dakota Sears
Julia Ramsdell

Emma Manning
Liam Kimball
Jamie Bissonnette
Molly Antkowiak

Mr. Treanor seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The motion passed, unanimously.

Mrs. Brown presented a letter for signature by the Commission, to the Board of Selectmen, so that background checks can begin. She will request that this be on the Selectmen's April 11 agenda.

Mrs. Brown reported that the cost to add a gate to the fencing would be \$150. However, on walking the fields with Mr. Blaisdell, they noted other fence problems that may need to be addressed. This will be checked and discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Donahue noted that Baseball will be asking when they can use the fields. Mrs. Brown stated that the mowing contractor has walked the fields a few times; and Mr. Blaisdell and she walked the fields last week. They are still very wet (and the forecasted weather will not help this situation). Mr. Donahue said that he understood, and that the first game is supposed to be April 16.

Mrs. Brown said that the feedback about the Luau (tri-town) lunch was good. She would like to try another event with Atkinson and Plaistow – probably in the fall.

Mrs. Brown noted that she expects this summer to consume more of her time than ever – there are many new (first-year) counselors. She wanted to forewarn the Commission that her hours may be unpredictable at times, and she will advise the Commission when this occurs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman
Recording Secretary