

Approved May 18, 2016

Sandown Recreation Commission
May 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: John Donahue, George Blaisdell, Veronica Utman, and Terry Treanor, ex-officio. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

Mr. Treanor made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the reappointment of George Blaisdell as a member of the Recreation Commission for a term of three years, expiring in March, 2019.

Mr. Donahue seconded the motion.

There was no discussion

The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of April 6, 2016, were reviewed.

Mr. Donahue made a motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Treanor seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion carried, with three in favor, and Mr. Blaisdell abstaining.

The minutes of April 21, 2016 were reviewed.

Mr. Treanor made a motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Blaisdell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion carried, with three in favor, and Mr. Donahue abstaining.

A brief discussion was held by the Commission regarding the Old Home Days celebration. It was held last year at the Garvey center for the first time. Suggestions for improvements for the September, 2016, celebration were discussed (including parking, location of dog show, and recreation display). Mrs. Brown noted that any "bounce house" games need to be inspected by the fire marshal (for insurance purposes).

Mrs. Brown reported that she had permission to use the Timberlane Learning Center facilities (formerly Central School facilities) for the summer program. The pre-school summer program will be held there at the same time, but a schedule will be worked out.

Mrs. Brown asked if the Baseball Association request about naming a portion of Miller Field had been finalized by the Commission. It was decided to postpone this decision. It was also asked if John Donahue had been approached by Mr. Aliberti regarding Mr. Donahue being the "go to" baseball person, should Mr. Aliberti not be available. This discussion has not yet taken place.

Mrs. Brown noted that clearing of Miller Field has begun. She has requested that the Highway Department review the culvert where the water pools up and drains onto C field.

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Pat Kimball (representing the Lions Club) and Paula Gulla (Old Home Day Committee) joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Blaisdell noted that it is planned to have the building hall open so that the public can see what is available. However, the bathrooms will NOT be open because the septic system is limited. There will be porta-potties on the premises.

Mr. Blaisdell asked about the Old Home Day plans for Friday evening. Mrs. Gulla said that they want to keep the events outside, if possible. They are planning to have music and a chili cookoff, and maybe a dance. Extra lighting may be needed. Mrs. Brown noted that she has reserved the building for Friday night, if it is needed due to bad weather.

It is planned to lock the playground Friday night (and open it on Saturday). The playground equipment is not intended for adult use.

Bob Brouder, from the Historical Society, joined the meeting.

Placement of the stage and porta-potties was discussed. The dog show location was also discussed. Because no dogs are allowed on the recreation fields, having this exception presents future problems in interpretation of the rule. Possible solutions were suggested. This will be discussed again at a later date.

Parking problems were brought up, including timing of vendor drop-offs and handicap parking.

Other potential activities discussed were: bounce houses (Explorer Scouts); trash pick-up (perhaps enroll the help of the high school Community Service Coordinator); Patchwood Farms animals; and Rock Wall climbing.

The Old Home Days people left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Brown presented bill authorization forms.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman
Recording Secretary