

Sandown Recreation Commission  
August 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:40 p.m. Members present were: George Blaisdell, John Donahue, Veronica Utman, Jessica Scarlett, and Terry Treanor, ex-officio. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The minutes of June 23, 2016, were reviewed.

Mr. Treanor made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

John Donahue seconded the motion.

During a discussion, it was suggested that the spelling of Mr. Donahue's name on Line 47 be corrected.

The motion to accept, as amended, was 4 in favor, with Ms. Scarlett abstaining.

The non-public meeting of June 23 (RSA 91-A:3, II(a)) was reviewed.

Mr. Donahue made a motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Treanor seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was suggested that the spelling of Mr. Donahue's name on Line 27 be corrected.

The motion to accept, as amended, was 4 in favor, with Ms. Scarlett abstaining.

The non-public meeting of June 23 (RSA 91-A:3 II(d)) was reviewed.

Mr. Treanor made a motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Blaisdell seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was suggested that the following changes be made:

Line 13: the amount of \$22,000 should be changed to \$2200.

Line 17: change the wording "trying" to "exploring the possibility"

Lines 29, 37, 42, and 54: correct the spelling of Mr. Donahue's name.

Ms. Utman made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Mr. Blaisdell seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The motion passed, with 4 in favor, and Ms. Scarlett abstaining.

Mrs. Brown brought up the current problems experienced at Seeley Beach. We have a sign posted which states "Residents and Accompanying Guests". Residents are asked by life guards for I.D.s. A problem occurred on a Saturday when a resident apparently brought about 25 guests....many of whom were repeatedly using vulgar language, after they had been spoken to by life guards. This type of situation is more than a young life guard should be expected to handle; and we cannot expect the Police Dept. to immediately respond to calls of this type. The Commission discussed several possibilities to improve the situation, and Ms. Brown will check with the Recreation Association for suggestions. This will be reviewed in the future for possible changes in rules and policy for next year.

Ms. Brown also reminded the Commission about the problem this year with obtaining full life guard coverage.

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Mrs. Brown noted the storm damage of recreation structures at the school. One structure and two tents were lost. The school sent maintenance people to help remove the damage. The total damage estimate was \$1200. Because the insurance deductible is \$1000, and it is likely that if a claim is submitted, the insurance premium would increase, the decision on submitting a claim will be further reviewed.

Mrs. Brown also reported that the summer program supervisors called 911 last week for an eye injury (precautionary). This program has been in existence for 21 years, and only one other emergency has occurred. This incident did not require transport.

Mrs. Brown brought up Miller Field irrigation. Greenskeeper does not do irrigation any more, but she has tried to contact Kevin Wade (who provides turf fertilization for town fields) for an overall evaluation of the system. The system is about 15 years old and is "ageing out". We have problems with low pressure and irrigation heads that have disappeared. It was suggested that a professional be consulted to ascertain possible leaks, etc.

Mrs. Brown reminded the Commission that budget season is approaching. Items that need to be discussed include the irrigation system; ensuring that the Director's full-time salary is covered; and, per the recommendation of the Selectmen, inclusion in the budget for extra required (overtime) hours for the Director, particularly the first and last week of the summer program.

Mrs. Brown noted that she is still waiting for information about an alarm for water leaks.

Mrs. Brown reported that the concession stand and immediate area have all been cleaned up (by Baseball).

Mrs. Brown presented forms (bills) for signature. Also, a refund, with doctor's note, was approved.

She also reported new state requirements for inflatables (bounce/jump rooms). They must be inspected, after setup, by the local Fire Department.

Old Home Days will be September 9 and 10. The Commission discussed possible displays showing the recreation programs. Mrs. Brown will check on the possibility of a ballroom dance demo.

Mrs. Brown announced that the Bikathon/Car Wash/Lemonade Stand summer program raised \$743 for the Food Pantry. The donation was dedicated in memory of Christopher Chester (a camper for several years).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman  
Recording Secretary