

Sandown Recreation Commission
August 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:34 p.m. Members present were: Jessica Scarlett; John Donahue; George Blaisdell; Darren Hudgins, ex officio; and Veronica Utman. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The minutes of June 20, 2018, were reviewed.

A motion to accept the minutes, as written was made by Jessica Scarlett.

Darren Hudgins seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 3 in favor and Mr. Donahue and Ms. Utman abstaining.

Ms. Brown reported that the well pump was ordered July 6; finished replacing Monday. Grass getting green again. (Head still missing on B Field)

When well house opened, old pump was still working. Do we want to have it cleaned up, to use as a backup? It is in well house now.

Ms. Brown noted that the \$10,700 repair bill is coming from the money market account and wondered if a vote should be made that the Commission approved this. Because the repair was previously approved, it was agreed that another vote was not necessary.

Ms. Brown reported that the spigot outside the building has been replaced and the pipe downstairs has been fixed. She has asked John from the Maintenance Dept. to do something about the sump-pump "trip" hazard.

Ms. Brown noted that the beach facility has been a challenge this year. She has been talking to DES every other day....they are going to "leave it up to the lake in general", but the beach levels are OK. (Rockingham alert: "fecal bacteria"It is not; it is "cyanobacteria"). Notices were issued to call if there are any questions. Parents were given a choice to keep their child out of the water---no one has opted to keep a child out.

Ms. Brown reported on the Summer Program – next week 160 participants. Her master list of registrations showed that all middle school registrants (6th, 7th, 8th) have been with the program for a long time. These numbers have gone down previously, due to "aging out", but now they are increasing. (18 seventh graders and 21 eighth graders!).

Ms. Brown wants to call attention to space requirements for future summer programs. A change in the Recreation Building rental policy should be reviewed. Since Week 3 the summer program numbers have been around 100. The weather cannot be predicted far enough in

44 advance to predict a need to use the school and/or Rec. Building. . Also, traffic pick-ups from
45 the beach (summer program) at Central School have caused some complaints (but it appears
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50 that the present system is a better choice than blocking traffic on 121A). Mr. Blaisdell agreed
51 that this whole subject should be on a future agenda, including a review of what other facilities
52 are charging for their use. Our rates have not changed in 7 years.

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54 Fall program discussion included the subject of having "outdoor" movies; live music; and cable-
55 on-demand. A note was made to check to see if licensing is necessary.

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57 Ms. Brown noted that there is an upcoming budget presentation to the Budget Committee.

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59 Ms. Brown would like to explore an on-line software for the Summer Program where the
60 participants can register and pay on line. This would work in connection with the Town Hall.

61 It is estimated that this would cost less than \$3,000 plus fee based on amount of revenue

62 processed. Currently, all registrations are done an on Excel sheet which is very labor-intensive.

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64 Ms. Brown noted that Old Home Days will be held Sept. 7, 8, and 9.

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66 The next meeting will be September 5, or as determined.

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68 The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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74 Veronica Utman

75 Recording Secretary