

Sandown Recreation Commission
October 17, 2018

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

The minutes of September 19, 2018, were reviewed.

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

The motion was seconded by George Blaisdell.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed, unanimously.

Ms. Brown reported that the irrigation systems had been “blown out” by a friend of recreation.

Ms. Brown noted that an adult (16 and over) Halloween program (“Tales of Horror”) will be held next Friday, Oct. 26. She has a poster displaying the entertainer, Odds Bodkin, which she will distribute.

On Nov. 30, there will be a trip to the Newport Mansions (Breakers, Elms, Marble House), leaving at 7:00 a.m. and returning about 7:00 p.m. This is a community event between Sandown and Plaistow. The fee is \$50.00 which includes transportation and tour.

The Sandown senior holiday luncheon is scheduled at Zorvino’s on Wednesday, December 12. Ms. Brown will receive the pricing this week.

On Sunday, December 30, there will be a New Year’s Eve program at the Performing Arts Center at Timberlane High School.

Ms. Brown is meeting with some mothers next week regarding the possibility of forming an organization for “Moms”.

Ms. Brown noted that she did not have the minimum registration necessary to hold the after-school program. She has a space reserved at the school for Monday afternoons, and will try to schedule other programs.

Ms. Brown reported that John White of the Planning Board contacted her regarding possible Recreation capital improvement interests for the next 5-10 years. Projects discussed included:

- Babe Ruth field
- Recreation building – basement improvements, pavilion (covered space)
- Sport Court (Tennis/Pickleball Court (?))

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49 Skate Park
50 Basketball Court (Miller Field) renovation
51 Emergency Shelter (shower/generator required (?))
52 Lighted sign with auto off/on.
53 Improved parking at Miller (need to "swap" town property)

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55 If Sandown has a capital improvement plan, there may be grants available for which the Town
56 could apply. Mr. White has requested a prioritized proposal list in the next three weeks.

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58 The possibility of purchasing a portable storage trailer/shed was discussed. It is necessary to
59 move a shed to the school every summer (cost about \$600). If the shed were a trailer, it might
60 be a cost saving.... This will be investigated for the spring.

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62 Ms. Brown will obtain a price to replace the software for the security card access system. It is
63 now 9 years old and presenting problems. This will be included in next year's budget.

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65 Ms. Brown reminded the Commission that there had been a change in the date to meet with
66 the Budget Committee. The dates are now: Dec. 3 – Board of Selectmen; Dec. 5 – Budget
67 Committee. It was suggested that the Recreation Commission meet on Dec. 3, prior to the
68 meeting with the Selectmen.

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70 Ms. Brown noted that a Boater Safety Course (with the Marine Patrol) will be held on April 13,
71 from 9:00 to 4:30 (with a test after). Registration will be on line with the Marine Patrol. Appli-
72 cants must be 15 or older.

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74 The gate at Miller Field was discussed. Mr. Blaisdell noted that it is presently held on by one
75 bolt. He estimated that it could be repaired for about \$100; he will take care of the project.

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77 Electrical repairs at rec. building – pending. Brush removal at Miller Field – still in process.
78 TV and projector project – Deb will investigate further.

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80 The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for November 7, 2018.

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82 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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84 Respectfully submitted

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87 Veronica Utman
88 Recording Secretary