

Hardwick Recreation Committee Minutes

January 9, 2017: 6:30PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Present: Joe Brosseau, Derek Williams, Nicole Miller, Holly Bolio, Rhonda Hess, Ron Wiesen, Kathy Hemmens, Danny Hale, Select Board member

Absent: Susanne Gann, Coordinator

In Joe's absence, Derek called the meeting to order at 6:38PM.

Approval of Minutes: Following a motion by Ron Wiesen, seconded by Nicole Miller, the minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Joe Brosseau arrived and Derek turned the meeting over to him; Joe asked Kathy to go over the Finance Report.

Finance Report: Kathy reported that mid-year the expenditures were in line with the budget, and that the Committee had so far only expended 36.45% of the budget by the end of December. She moved the report be accepted; Derek seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Project Updates:

Swim/ski/skate program. Nicole reported that the contract for the swim program is on hold until Town Meeting and the approval of the 2018 budget. Cross-country skiing has just started and will run until February break. 13 participants have signed up; 2 are on the waiting list. Ice skating is also a scheduled activity through February break. 10 participants from NEK Kids on the Move are taking part in this program.

Holiday Party Recap: Holly and Rhonda reported that the party was a big success with 94 parents and children attending and 15 volunteers helping. Susanne, in her progress report recommended the Committee sponsor the Party again next year as those attending were "very excited to have it." Susanne would like to invite local businesses to join in the effort as well and to expand the Party significantly.

Holly and Rhonda recommended holding another event mid-winter—perhaps a dance, and the Committee members agreed to this proposal. Susanne will be asked to work with Holly and Rhonda and any other interested volunteers or Committee members to plan this.

Pickleball: According to Susanne's report, there is a regular group of 12 to 15 playing pickleball each Sunday. The time has been moved from 11 to 1PM. The Committee voted to purchase new balls for this activity, in response to Susanne's request. The cost will be \$34.

Mackville Pond Park: The Committee welcomed Danny Hale who has offered to help guide the development and grant application process for improving Mackville Pond Park. The Town has set aside

\$5000 in the upcoming year's budget to match a grant from the State for site improvement and playground equipment. Danny advised that the Committee will need a solid plan for a grant application as well as evidence of community support via letters, fund raising, and volunteer support. He offered to meet with Susanne and interested Committee members to begin work on the project. Susanne will be asked to contact him to set up a meeting asap.

Rink Update: After considerable discussion about the need to recruit more shoveling volunteers, find a good place to store the skating equipment and the rink itself (over the summer and fall), and the continuing need for a warming shed, it was agreed that Derek will contact the people who helped last year, and Susanne will advertise again for volunteers and approach the high school for community service volunteers. Other needs include the creation of a list of skating rink rules and the building of a sign with the rules on it posted prominently at the rink. The Committee voted to have Susanne approach the high school about building a movable shed to place at the rink during the skating season.

Senior Programming: Kathy reported that she is now able to resume teaching Bone Builders, the senior exercise program. It is taking place at GRACE on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30AM. Susanne will be meeting with the Director of WonderArts to discuss the senior programming that program is doing.

Other projects in the works: Susanne continues to pursue a pre-school playgroup and a basketball clinic for early elementary school students.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

The next meeting will be on February 13th at 6:30PM at the Senior Center on High Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hemmens, Secretary/Treasurer