

## **Hardwick Recreation Committee Meeting**

**August 8, 2017; 6:30PM**

**Hardwick Senior Center**

Present: Joe Brosseau, Nicole Miller, Ron Wiesen, Derek Williams

Susanne Gann, Coordinator

Joe called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

**Approval of Minutes:** Following a motion by Ron Wiesen and a second by Nicole Miller, the Minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously.

**Monthly Finance Report:** Kathy reported that we did not receive a monthly report because Brittany is on maternity leave. However, Brittany verbally reported that the Committee did not have any program expenditures. We will receive a report in September. The Committee instead reviewed the current fiscal year budget. Kathy reminded the Committee that Wonder Arts and REACH will need to submit requests for funds by the end of September so we can prepare a budget for submission to the Select Board by November. We discussed the possibility of using more general line item categories as the Trails Committee does and requesting the establishment of a capital fund for the Recreation Committee. Ron reported that the State Parks and Recreation Department is now allowing grants for equipment.

### **Project Updates.**

**Swim Program:** Nicole described her contacts with **NEK Swim** which she hopes to contract with for next summer's swim program. The program has been successful in providing instructors and lifeguards to several communities in the NEK. If REACH allies with this new entity, Nicole and the Rec. Committee will have more assurance that we can put on this important program. NEK Swim requires a deposit of 50% of the cost at the time of booking and the remainder before lessons start. Nicole and Susanne will check the payment schedule out with Brittany to ensure there are no issues. Nicole will also reach out to Hardwick's adjoining towns to solicit interest in joining with us to put on a program. Additional participants from other towns will mean that the cost to Hardwick will be reduced.

**Pickleball:** Kathy reported that Ruth Gaillard approached the new Principal at HES about the possibility of using outdoor and/or indoor space in the school for this sport. The Principal is new in his job and requested time to get acclimated before addressing this request. Susanne will also begin to explore possible space options, and Kathy will call another meeting in September to review progress and to plan next steps.

**CAE/OSSU Community/School Partnership Survey:** Joe will respond to the Survey on behalf of the Committee.

**Other Business.**

**Welcome Susanne Gann as new Coordinator and set priorities for coming weeks:** The Committee all welcomed Susanne and listed priority tasks for her to take up.

These include: developing a resource list of school personnel and officials and/or volunteers in other groups that are working on various initiatives in town that are relevant to the Rec. Committee.

Creating a Facebook page for the Rec. Committee and ensuring that our activities and events are included in the Community Calendar and Front Porch Forum.

Helping Nicole with advancing the Swim program agenda for next summer.

Following up on pickleball, skating rink volunteers for this winter; grant possibilities for equipment for Mackville Pond recreation area.

Recruiting additional volunteers/Committee members using various media and at town events like First Friday.

Joe indicated that Kathy can be a secondary contact for Susanne if she is unable to reach him and needs a timely response on a Rec. Committee matter.

There being no additional business, Joe adjourned the meeting at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hemmens, Secretary-Treasurer

**The next meeting will be held at the Senior Center at 6:30PM on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is open to the public.**