

## **Hardwick Recreation Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

October 13th, 2020, 6:30 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Members present: Mallory Greaves, Rhonda Hess, Susanne Gann, Holly Bolio, Ceilidh Kane

Members Absent: Joe Brosseau

Recreation Coordinator: Susanne Gann

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

### **Approval of Budget**

With no issue on the budget, Holly motioned to approve the budget, Rhonda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

### **Halloween**

Susanne received an email from Josh Peets with the Center of Agricultural economy, regarding celebrating halloween night with Trunk or Treat at Atkins field. The event would be at 4:00 PM October 31st 2020. After discussion of how the recreation committee would participate, it was decided to donate \$250 for candy and support the event with a trunk. Ceilidh offered to supply the vehicle and decorate for the event. Ceilidh will also supply frisbees to add to the candy bags. The committee discussed donating candy to the church for Elm, Cottage, and Granite street distribution.

Holly motioned to approve the spending of \$250 on Halloween candy for donation to the church. Mallory second the motion, all were in favor. Holly motioned the donation of \$250 to Josh Peets event Trunk or Treats. Mallory second the motion, all were in favor.

### **Christmas**

Susanne suggested the committee put on a winter day, including sleigh rides, along with a possible winter decoration competition. Holly recommended contacting Kingdoms Horse Drawn Wagons and Sleigh Rides to make sure they would be able to attend this event due to Covid. Ceilidh mentioned knowing a resident of Cabot that supplies sleigh rides during the winter. Rhonda suggested bringing both sleigh ride providers to the event.

The committee discussed the event. Possible places the committee discussed were Atkins field, Hazen, and Mackville pond. The event could potentially include, a snowman building competition, hot chocolate bar, an eye spy scavenger hunt, and ice skating. The event will be discussed in further detail at the November meeting.

Ceilidh brought the idea to the committee to help the town with the supply of Christmas lights. The idea is under further discussion. The committee discussed putting on an event that

would allow the towns persons to decorate their houses for the holiday as a competition to be voted upon.

### **Skating Rink**

Holly met with Damian Renzello, who works for Porta Rinx & the Bambini, to check the measurements and the condition of the current rink. Damian gave an estimate of \$800 for the replacement of the liner and protective strip for the current rink. The committee discussed the proposed changes. Holly motioned to approve the spending of \$800 on the skating rink for a new liner, protective strip, and Damians services. Rhonda second the motion, all were in favor.

Susanne suggested having the skating rink set up the week of Veterans day, November 11th.

### **Reach**

Ceilidh presented the updated budget from the last fiscal year reporting there was money left over from cancellation of swim lessons and mountain bike programs. She suggested the money not spent be used for outdoor equipment. Ceilidh mentioned to the committee that Reach needs new skates in bigger sizes along with snowshoes. Holly mentioned that the new skates and snowshoes would need to be accessible to the community. Ceilidh is going to check the equipment Reach already has to see exactly what they need or needs replacement. The committee agreed that any of the money not spent will go back into the budget.

Ceilidh presented the budget proposal she has created for the next fiscal year. The new budget is a total of \$10,972.78, \$602.44 less than last fiscal year. The committee looked over the budget, Holly motioned to approve the fall Reach proposal budget, Rhonda second, all were in favor.

### **Mackville**

Susanne suggested using some of the committee's unused budget to buy goose repellent and finding a way to supply shaded areas. The committee discussed ordering porter potties next year for the duration of the summer into the fall ending in October. Susanne suggested the committee order the baby swings so they can be installed. Holly motioned to approve the purchase of baby swings for Mackville, Rhonda second, all were in favor.

### **Budget for Next Fiscal Year**

The committee looked over the current budget and found the only change so far is Reach, going from \$11,575.22 to \$10,972.78. Further discussion will take place at the November meeting.

### **Other business**

Holly approved the purchase of an outdoor screen and projector for movies, Rhonda second the motion, all were in favor.

The committee discussed ways to create senior socials during the pandemic. Holly suggested paying for a dinner at the legion on a Tuesday night. Susanne suggested renting the legion strictly for seniors and bringing in entertainment. Mallory will contact the legion board to see if renting the space is a possibility at this time.

With no further business, Holly adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held November 10th, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Senior Center