

**NEW DURHAM PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMISSION  
MINUTES MARCH 8, 2023**

PRESENT: CELESTE CHASSE, NICK MARKS, SCOTT GOODSPEED, DOT VIESEL, MARK D'ENTREMONT, CHAD CHASE, JAIME BAMFORD

**Scott Goodspeed - Meeting called to order - 6:11PM**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Review minutes**

**Under RSA 39:2**

**Motion made by Chad to approve minutes. Second by Jaime - Unanimous - 6/0**

**Senior Dance**

The dance was a success despite the snow & location change. The night before, there was a fire at Farmington Rec in the furnace. The dance was moved to the high school, and approximately 30 attended.

**Cards for Veterans**

Wednesday, March 15 card making for veterans will be held at ND Library 5pm to 7pm.

**High Energy Juggling**

April Vacation, ND Rec will team up with ND Library to reserve a performance by Jason Tardy: High Energy Juggling April 26<sup>th</sup> @3pm. The cost is \$275 for ND Rec's half of the expense. We should take this money from the budget.

## **Playground Equipment at the Beach**

Celeste received quotes for playground equipment at the beach. It would be good to identify a grant for the equipment, for potential installation this summer. Matching grants may be available, but not until the end of the fiscal year. The quote was for two pieces. One would pose a hazard since it would be wet from use which might present a slipping danger. The other is a structure similar to the one at the school. One is \$48,000 and one is \$49,000, installed. Do we have other options that might be cheaper? Swings? There may not be enough space for a swing installation. We would also need to consider wood chips as an additional cost. Tetherball would be a low-cost option. Ring on a string could be situated in an adjacent area and corn hole boards and bags for sign-out. Any installation would need to take insurance implications into consideration - we need to consider installations that would not create a potential liability.

The shed at the beach also needs to be addressed. A new shed at the beach and moving the current shed at the beach down to the ball fields may present the best option. Size of the new beach shed would need to be measured.

If we can minimize expenses at the beach, we could continue to invest in project work at the ballfields. We can't use the Smitty ball field fund at the beach. Expenses at the beach would come from the revolving fund.

## **Easter and 5K Race**

Need to start thinking about Easter and the 5k race. Easter is on April 9th, so our options would be the 8th or the week before on the 1st. The 8th should be fine for scheduling. 10am or 11am start - Celeste will review last year's schedule. We will also need a bunny. Celeste is planning the Easter egg hunt around town again this year.

The preferred scheduling date for the 5k would be May or June, before school is out. The Meetinghouse would like to schedule an event in the afternoon, with the 5k scheduled for the morning. No date has been provided by the Meetinghouse, so if we determine a date it would likely be fine (pending a check with the Meetinghouse). June 24th as a tentative option. Farmington Rec has been involved in a discussion regarding a racing series - a tri-town option with another town participating.

## **Paint Nights**

Working on getting some paint nights to have at Johnson & Muddy Roads. Muddy Road is also considering trivia nights. There are paint nights everywhere, so there might be competition for scheduling. Muddy Road would host on a night that they are not usually open. The first week of April might be better for scheduling.

## **Winter Carnival**

Sponsor Summary:

Alton Legion Post 72 donated \$250  
Alton Legion Sons Post 72 donated \$250  
Alton Legion Riders donated \$200  
Alton legion Auxiliary donated \$100  
MVSB donated \$250  
Cardinal & Glidden donated \$200

Johnson's Meat market donated \$100 in gift cards  
Johnson's Seafood & steak donated \$100 in gift cards  
Farmer's Kitchen donated \$100 in gift cards  
Berry's Bait donated 20% discount \$33.40

Donations totaled \$1,250  
Expenses totaled \$1210.62  
Income on day of: \$458.00 (\$300 - Derby / \$91 - Chili / raffle - \$67)

**New Business**

Revolving fund - review of expenditures in preparation to reimburse the fund.  
Expenditures out of the revolving fund total \$19,224.99.

**Under RSA 39:2**

**Motion made by Dot to approve the transfer of \$19,224.99 from Parks and Rec Special Revenue fund 02-1010-50-000 to the Town of New Durham General Fund 01-1010-01-101 for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 - Second by Chad - Unanimous – 6/0**

**Old Business**

Meeting schedule - confirmation of next meeting date

**NEXT MEETING**

April 12th at the Town Hall at 6:00pm

**Under RSA 39:2**

**Motion made by Jaime to adjourn - Second by Dot - Unanimous – 6/0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Marks