

New Hartford Recreation Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Members Present: Steve Tuxbury, Don Govotski, Joe Petrarca, & Bob Martin

Members Absent: Sally O'Neill, Tim Calder, and Ed Smith

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier, First Selectman Dan Jerram, Bob Moore, and Recording Secretary Mary Baker

Introduction of New Part-Time Recreation Director: Dan Jerram welcomed the new Part time Director Christy Tellier. Dan and Christy have met to discuss ideas for programing and develop some short term goals. Steve Tuxbury asked what days a week would she work? Dan Jerram said Tuesday and Thursday and will attend the meetings at night.

Opportunity for Public Comment: First Selectman Jerram noted that present in the audience were Mr. and Mrs. Morad, property owners in New Hartford who had paid for a boat slip/mooring at Brodie Park but were unable to use the assigned slot due to space limitations. They were refunded their payment, but were left without a boat slip , which was really what they wanted. Jerram noted that the mooring plan shows 12 slots as being available, which would probably be accurate if the boats were on the smaller size. However, many of the boats are now larger party boat sized and take up more than an average sized boat slip. Jerram commented that this needs to be looked into before selling slips next season. If additional space is not an option, then reducing the number of slips available would be warranted.

Discussion of goals and objectives for recreation department: Christy presented her initial thoughts for the department. She would like to promote an event once a month, with some ideas being: Movie night in September, perhaps some sort of agricultural event in October. She would like to see things occurring in Callahan Park and will work to develop some ideas. Callahan Park would need lights (portable could be an option). A movie night at Brodie Park on the beach is something that First Selectman Jerram would like to see implemented (perhaps next year). Will have more for next meeting.

Brief update by First Selectman Jerram of Recreation Activities: Dan stated that the work being done on the "rain cabin" almost complete. Friends of Brodie helped with the bill, paying half of the cost. Dan Eddy has a concern regarding the Antolini Playing Field;

stating that there are rocks in the area where kids play, worried kids will get hurt, would like something done. Joe Petrarca replied that they spray paint the rocks and show the kids where they are. The rocks have been there for a very long time, the kids stay away from them.

Procedures and Policies: There was a brief discussion regarding “when are passes needed for access to the beach?” The committee decided that Beach passes will be in effect from Memorial Day until Labor Day, motion made by Steve Tuxbury and 2nd by Don Govotski, no discussion motion passes.

Financial Review: Christy presented information about summer programming. Beach Stickers for 2014 there was 533 sold, Camp for 2014 for Week 1- Week 9 there was 1,141 kids. The Snack Shack, needs a check list of what they sell, also need a check list of visitors that come to the beach. Need to look into other field trips for next summer. Balance after collection is \$50,222.65.

Election of Chairman: Will do at next meeting.

Steve Tuxbury made a motion, seconded by Joe Petrarca to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Baker, Recording Secretary