

**New Hartford Recreation**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

**Call to Order:** 7:09pm

**Members Present:** Joe Petrarca, Arnie Helt, Mark McCarthy, Roxanne Helt, Ed McCann, Linda Aquavia

**Members Absent:** Jeremy Schaller

**Others Present:** Recreation Director Christy Tellier, Dan Jerram

Joe opened the meeting with introductions. Linda was newly appointed to the commission. Jeremy Schaller was also recently appointed but was unable to make this meeting.

**Opportunity For Public Comment:**

None

**Old Business:**

Arnie asked Dan about the Brodie waterfront. The mooring area is in need of clean up in addition to the renovation. Dan stated that the town crew would work on the removal of the debris in the spring, provided that the water remains at low enough levels and the staffing levels of the town crew allowed for the work to be performed.

A letter to Friends of Brodie still needs to be written to request funding assistance for field house maintenance work.

**Financials:**

Joe asked Dan about the state of the budget. Dan briefly explained the overall financial picture and budget and how we are impacted by the state budget. Our capital expenses are all on hold due to the state process. The operating budget for Rec – the everyday expenses, are still frugally processing. The capital balance under Recreation now is currently allocated for the boat mooring area and the paving at Callahan. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, Recreation did not receive any capital monies for improvements or repairs. The board is approved to pursue outstanding projects, but any unidentified projects need to be presented so they can be put in for the next budget.

**Review of Activities:**

Line Dancing & Ballroom dancing still going on. Temporarily relocated due to pipe issue. Camp planning and concert scheduling is beginning.

**New Business:**

Pipes at Berkshire Hall froze up. The outgoing septic pipe froze causing backup and the fresh water having to be shut off. That in turn caused those pipes to freeze. Line Dancing and Ballroom dancing classes would be moved to town hall temporarily until the issue is resolved. There was discussion about boxing in the crawl space area under the hall to help prevent future freezing.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting were tabled.

**Other Business:**

There was a brief discussion about the maple trees that are tapped in Brodie Park along Niles Road. Further information to be obtained regarding those taps.

There was discussion of some of the trees within the park that need some attention. It was confirmed that if they are a threat, they can be taken down.

Joe advised the commission he had been posed a question from Eric Claman about possibly renaming Berkshire Hall. The commission did not want to pursue that action. There was discussion about the historic value in the name of the hall and Joe asked if there was any original paperwork from the purchase of the property. Christy stated she had some files from the original purchase that she would locate.

Ed asked about possibly having a donation jar at the Wednesday night concerts to help offset some costs – a “pass the hat” sort of casual set up. The Commission was not opposed if someone was stationed at each of the main walk areas.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm seconded by Ed. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Tellier  
Recreation Director