

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Paula S., Jim L., Glenn S., Flo D., Louise C.

Absent: Ann M., Mark N., Paul O., Shelley C.

The meeting minutes of April 27, 2012¹ were tabled as we did not have a quorum.

Louise updated the committee that a 4th of July subcommittee meeting has set for June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Place to be determined. Meredith Lee and Katie Behner from the Contoocook Chamber of Commerce will meet with Louise, Paula, Glenn and Jim to start planning for 2022 4th of July.

Paula & Louise informed the committee that the Select Board are discussing a new alcohol policy that may allow the serving of alcohol at specific town locations. Once the department heads have submitted their comments then the Select Board will review again and if approved will hold a public hearing. After the new policy and ordinance has been approved the committee can reset the date for the murder mystery dinner that was postponed last year due to Covid.

Since the school year is coming to a close and the high school liaison, Gabe, will be graduating we have decided to table the discussions regarding multicultural diverse events until next fall. Flo has volunteered to be a liaison between the high school and the recreation committee.

Louise mentioned we should set a few dates for reorganizing the barn and cleaning up our area. She will also send out emails to the other groups requesting they do the same to make it easier for the barn contractor to get through to make an itemized list of repairs that are needed to be done. We will contact Department of Public Works to ask them to leave the dump truck on a couple of the dates for easier disposal of items. June seems like a busy month with graduation and sports awards. Dates will be confirmed.

The Historical Society had made a map and list of the historical markers in Hopkinton that will be used for the historical marker scavenger hunt. Louise attempted to find several of them and was having difficulty finding them. She will send out the list so other committee members who know where some of the markers are could find them and take a picture for future reference.

Since the Covid regulations are changing so quickly with little notice the committee finds it difficult to plan any events this year on such short notice. Jim, Cookie Czar, will draft up new regulations for the Tooky Cookie contest. We may only be allowed to pre-wrap cookies that the Czar bakes and judge which is the favorite cookie. We will also join the Chamber in their efforts to decorate throughout town to make it festive for the holiday. We will also organize a

patriotic themed display contest similar to the scarecrow contest held in October. Numbers will be assigned for specific location and judging will be July 2nd. Louise will reach out to the Chamber to see if they would like to get involved. It was also discussed renting out the kayaks at the Kimball Lake during the 4th. In order to do this, we will have to set up a volunteer schedule of what hours we have available to man the rental. Paula is short on lifeguards this summer so they will not be available to help this year.

Paula updated the committee that the cabins and Slusser Center are still not available for renting or public use due to Covid restrictions still in effect. The Select Board imposed a mask mandate after the State mandate expired until July 2nd when it will be reviewed again. The seniors have limited activities at the center but masks must be worn while in the building. Senior lunch is still drive thru pick-up until the mask mandate has been cancelled.

Glenn mentioned a contest that he has seen where the business posted pictures of people who have gone away on vacation. He would like to use this idea for our August activity and will create the rules for the contest. Residents will send in pictures and proof of their location and the 2 people who have traveled the furthest on vacation will win a prize. Glenn will ask his daughter if she would like to donate 2 baskets of natural made products that she makes for the contest.

A special meeting will be June 8th to discuss the 4th of July and the next regular meeting will be June 29th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.