

Hopkinton Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2022

Present: Flo D., Mark N., Jim L., Glenn S., Joyce B., Louise C

Guest: Rob Dapice

Absent: Paula, Paul, Ann

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverway Park to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July layout. Meeting was resumed at the Slusser Center at 7:00 p.m.

April 26, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as written.

The committee started the meeting at the Riverside Park to discuss the layout of the games and activities. Overall, the layout looked good. We will need to get a key to unlock the water hydrant and check the pressure to make sure it will not harm the mister. Tooky Cookie registration can happen at the same location as the kiddie parade registration area. Will need a 3<sup>rd</sup> person to do the separate registration. The Contoocook River Canoe Company will need to be contacted about the access restriction during the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark suggested we hang the American flag off the train this year. Louise will ask the depot for permission.

The committee resumed the meeting at the Slusser Center.

Louise let the committee know that Milestone Engineering & Construction Company were selected to do the Houston Barn stabilization. The plan is to start in the spring of 2023.

Rob Dapice joined the meeting to discuss a few items with the recreation committee. The company that he works for would like to do improvements to the Spirit Skate Park as a way to recognize Don Shumway's years of service. The skate park was built to honor his son and a friend who died tragically and they were avid skateboarders. Since the skatepark surfaces requires a lot of upkeep and replacement it is being discussed to replace them with concrete ramps. Rob will discuss with Greg Roberts, DPW building & grounds director, the feasibility of doing something short term or perhaps donate toward the new structures. Two well designed skate parks built with concrete ramps are located in Burlington, VT and Melrose, MA. If committee members are in those areas sometime, they will stop to take pictures to share with the committee.

Rob has volunteered to organize the Memorial Day Parade for the last several years and is looking to give it up. He wanted to know if the recreation committee would be interested in adopting the event. It is too time consuming for him to keep doing and finds himself doing everything last minute. The committee asked him to write down every step that needs to be done and who the contacts are before we could have a discussion. We agree that it is important for Hopkinton to continue to honor its veterans but does it come under the realm of what the recreation committee charge is. Once we receive the information from Rob the committee will have a full discussion on the subject.

The funds have been raised for the 4th of July Family Fun Day. DPW added 2 GFI outlets at the bottom of the lamp post closest to the gazebo. They were not able to add outlets to the rest of the lamp posts because they did not contain the wiring that was required. The committee reviewed the flyer and website writeup and gave some feedback. Louise will review the changes with Paula in the morning so they can be ordered. More volunteers are needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> event so committee members will try to recruit family members. We will need to get together July 3<sup>rd</sup> to bring down as much as possible to make set up quicker on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Contoocook Depot has given permission to store some items overnight. We will need to carpool from the Slusser Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> due to the lack of parking.

Louise gave a general overview of the Murder Mystery Dinner and what is being planned. The final menu was confirmed so the event can start to be advertised on the recreation department website and will be sent to Merrimack County Savings Bank. We are in need of more adult volunteers to assist with the event. Mark will need 3 people to assist in the kitchen and 4 – 5 people to wait on tables. Sam wants to be the doorman. Flo will need duties that does not include the chance of handling any glasses that might contain alcohol. The bartender will need an assistant, someone to handle the money for the cash bar, someone to greet the guest to check them in, someone to restock punch bowl and coffee pot and a floater to handle miscellaneous things as they arise.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting June 28, 2022

Minutes respectfully submitted by Louise Carr.