

Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, October 26, 2023
6:00 pm
Millstream Community Center

Attendees:	Ann Diorio, Chair; Amanda Sweetser- Vice Chair, Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Sarah Hudon- Program Director, Mike Coombs- Seasonal Director, Theresa Diorio- Town Pool Facilities Manager, Bill Hodgman- Selectboard Representative, Gail Roberts, Maryanne O'Malley.
Excused:	Katie Leonard, Emily Clever- Hinsdale Beautification Committee
Others present:	Chris Meyers- Farmers' Market Director

Minutes

Agenda item:	Acceptance of minutes from meeting 9/21/2023	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Motion made by Amanda; Seconded by Gail; Passed

Agenda item:	Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Discussion: See attached report.

Motion to accept made by Amanda; Seconded by Karyn; Passed

Agenda item:	Program Director Report	Presenter:	Sarah Hudon/Kleay Steever/Theresa Diorio
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Discussion:

- **Community Center Report:** see Sarah's attached report.
- **Seasonal Sports Update- Mike Coombs:** Mike reported that the Putney tournament went well. The Bernardston Soccer Jamboree is this upcoming weekend. Mike distributed copies of a proposed budget for the upcoming basketball season, as finances are tight with the current account balance (considering anticipated upcoming expenses such as equipment replacement due to wear and tear). Mike reported this budget is based on a projected 80 participants for Rec basketball programming, and that this does not include cheering expenses. Sarah reported that new cheering equipment was purchased last year, and has been cleaned. Ann reported that cheering revenue could help; discussion followed regarding winter sports revenue and equipment. A tiered payment system is presently in place based upon the grade level of the participant. Bill inquired about the tiered (payment) system. Sarah reported that older Rec players attend tournaments, etc. Mike reported that his projection (for the Rec season) is for six basketball teams. Theresa inquired as to the photo item on the budget; Sarah stated that photos would be in place of participation trophies and that these photos are team photos (not individual). Further

discussion followed regarding additional items. Mike reported that Rec may use HMHS girls' basketballs this year, per the HMHS Athletic Director, as long as the balls remain in the HMHS gym. Sarah asked about the possibility of Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) members assisting with duties so as to offset some of the costs, as in some past seasons. Discussion continued regarding leveling spending costs. Sarah also raised the subject of the annual grades 3-4 basketball tournament. Further discussion followed.

Mike presented his Preseason Basketball Clinic proposal. This proposal includes older players (grades 3-8) and would raise revenue for Rec Sports programming. Discussion followed regarding gym availability for the clinic, and Mike reported that flexibility regarding scheduling would be built into the clinic. His goal is to raise \$800 for Rec sports-related supplies.

Motion: Theresa made a motion to accept Mike's Preseason Basketball Clinic proposal. Seconded by Gail.

Passed.

Following additional committee discussion regarding fees for the upcoming season(s), group consensus was reached. Theresa made the motion to raise Rec registration fees to \$45 per player/cheer participant; Gail seconded. Karyn asked about updating the form to state that there is no family discount or cap, and that scholarships are available. Discussion followed, and it was agreed that scholarship availability will be listed on the registration forms. Motion passed by the HCRC.

Mike voiced that the online registration process has not been successful, particularly as notifications are not sent from the online registration that participants have registered and/or paid. The committee agreed that the online registration process should be disabled moving forward.

Jeff Holt scholarship funds will likely be available for Rec sport programming (via application process) in the future, but not for the upcoming winter sports/cheering season.

- **Pool Update as reported by Theresa Diorio:** Theresa reported that the pool has been power washed (today). She reported that she met with Tim Kerylow regarding the paint that was purchased for the pool. Theresa will be touching base with the Town Administrator regarding needs/maintenance of the town pool. At the moment, the plan is for Tim to paint the pool tomorrow. Other pool and closing matters were reviewed by Theresa.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ See above	respective parties	ongoing

Agenda item:	Hinsdale Beautification Committee (HBC), Farmers' Market	Presenter:	Ann Diorio, Chris Meyers
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Discussion: HBC: Ann read from Emily Clever's attached report. Theresa also reported that the Tree Lighting contest will be occurring again this year.

Farmers' Market: Chris reported that the Farmers' Market for Veterans Appreciation Month was very successful. The last outdoor market was rainy, but successful.

An outdoor Farmers' Market is scheduled for Sunday, November 12. This will likely be the last market of the season.

Brief discussion followed regarding the check process for vendors.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A			
Agenda item: Heart & Sole/GOTR		Presenter: Karyn Hammond	

Discussion: Nothing new to report at this time.

Agenda item: CIP	Presenter: Sarah Hudon
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Discussion: Sarah reported the Community Development Finance Authority awarded \$7500 toward writing a grant. Training has begun. Due date is November 30. Will know if the grant is awarded in March. A 15% match is required. Project can start as late as September 2024. Work has to be completed by August of 2025.

Theresa suggested Chat GBT, an AI program that is free and writes grants that may be helpful in the future. Sarah reported that a community member has been assigned specifically to this grant at this time. Discussion followed regarding project details. Sarah reported that the focus will be energy and lighting, accessibility, longevity, and that the bathrooms will be completely redone. Updating the kitchen was also discussed; Sarah reported that this would likely not be feasible to be completed prior to the November 2025 deadline. Sarah stated that future grants would ideally finance Millstream Community Center kitchen updates/safety/maintenance matters.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Continue the grant application process for the CIP		Sarah	ongoing
Agenda item: Budget Update		Presenter: Ann Diorio	

Discussion: Ann reported that Sarah's proposed budget was recently approved (with a minor lateral adjustment) by the Select Board.

Agenda item: Other Business	Presenter: Chris Meyers
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Discussion: Chris asked for clarification regarding the Farmers' Market mention according to the minutes of the HCRC meeting held 9/21/23 as he was not present. Discussion followed and clarification was obtained during this meeting.

Agenda item: Meeting Adjourned	7:03
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Motion made by Bill; Seconded by Amanda; Passed

Next HCRC meeting: November 16, 2023

Location: Millstream Community Center