

Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:00 pm

Hinsdale Town Hall- Selectboard Meeting Room

Attendees:	Amanda Sweetser- Vice Chair, Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Theresa Diorio- Town Pool Facilities Manager, Emily Clever- Hinsdale Beautification Committee, Bill Hodgman- Selectboard Representative
Excused:	Ann Diorio, Chair; Sarah Hudon- Program Director, Katie Leonard, Sam Kilelee
Others present:	Kathryn Lynch, Town Administrator; Chris Meyers- Farmers' Market Director

Minutes

Agenda item:	Acceptance of minutes from HCRC meeting 2/26/24	Presenter:	Amanda Sweetser
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Motion to accept the minutes of 2/26/24 made by:Theresa; Seconded by Bill; Passed

Agenda item:	Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Amanda Sweetser
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Discussion: See attached report.

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

Agenda item:	Program Director Report	Presenter:	Kathryn Lynch
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Discussion:

- **Seasonal Sports Update- Kathryn Lynch**
 - **Basketball Update:** Kathryn spoke about the Vernon Tournament results for Hinsdale teams.
 - **Resignation of Mike Coombs as Seasonal Director:** The Seasonal Director position is now posted, and is posted as an hourly position.
 - **Review of procedures and policies:** Kathryn reported that she is interested in a document regarding both parent and coach behavior. Kathryn stated that she would like to promote Rec sports as a fun experience. Theresa contributed discussion. Further committee discussion followed.
 - **Holt Grant Information:** see below.

Agenda item:	Hinsdale Beautification Committee (HBC)/Farmers' Market	Presenter:	Emily Clever, Chris Meyers
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Discussion:

HBC: Emily reported that the traditional HBC spring activities are being planned and in progress.

Farmers' Market: Chris reported that planning activities are picking up. The Farmers' Market will run May-October (May 18 is the projected opening). Chris reported that he is anticipating WIC programming this year. The amount will be clarified in the near future. Chris also stated that the Cheshire County Conservation Committee contacted Chris, and that there will be more details to come. Chris reported that he anticipates continuation of the Veteran's Appreciation program, and that this will be dependent upon funding.

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

Discussion: Karyn reported that Heart & Sole did not have sufficient registration in order to field a team this season at HMHS. The NH GOTR Council offered Karyn the opportunity to coach H&S in the fall (Karyn declined (there are two conflicting sports for girls at HMHS in the fall [cross-country for 8th graders, and soccer for grades 6-8], there would likely be a smaller pool of potential participants). Karyn accepted GOTR NH council's suggestion to co-coach GOTR at HES. Council reported that this could enable GOTR to field a team of 20 rather than 15 due to increased coaching staff. At the time of this writing, Karyn has joined the GOTR coaching staff (for a total of 7 coaches). The GOTR has a team of 24 girls, including the 6th grader who had registered for Heart & Sole. This participant was offered a spot (by NH council and subsequently, by the HES GOTR coaches on the GOTR team this season. That student and her family accepted.

Theresa asked Karyn about the MOU with HASP. Karyn updated the committee that while HASP is not providing financial support this season, HASP will be providing participant supervision and snacks. Karyn will follow up with Maryanne O'Malley (HASP Director) regarding the MOU.

Kathryn asked about funding traditionally provided by HASP that may be applied for under the Geoffrey Holt grant (in conjunction with a potential HCRC grant application). Karyn provided an estimated range, based upon historical, recent GOTR team size(s). Karyn to follow up.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓	Follow up regarding historical (seasonal) GOTR participant fees (amounts sponsored by HASP across all GOTR seasons until this year), MOU with HASP.	Karyn	prior to the next HCRC meeting

Agenda item:	Geoffrey Holt Grant	Presenter:	Kathryn Lynch
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Discussion: Kathryn reviewed that every 501(c)(3) committee can apply for this grant, and that this may become twice-yearly at some point in the future. Discussion followed re: Parks and Rec, GOTR/Heart & Sole. Theresa suggested adding replacement of needed equipment, etc for the town pool. Theresa also asked about the kiddie pool. Kathryn reported that this could also be covered under the grant. Theresa agreed to also obtain estimates going re: sports equipment that needs to be replaced.

Kathryn inquired re: HBC and which events HBC could benefit from funding , including the 3rd of July/community event. Discussion followed. Emily, Chris/Farmers' Market will submit estimates to Kathryn. Kathryn also reported that she would like to proceed soon/ASAP regarding the application for the grant.

Further discussion followed re: Rec registration fees, equipment needs.

Theresa opened discussion regarding resurfacing tennis courts, future dog park. Bill suggested surveying town residents in order to gauge interest, goals.

Additional discussion followed regarding repurposing the park area. Theresa also inquired re: bbq pit use/status by the pavilion, as well as the park area.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ See discussion section above			
Agenda item:	Correction of Day Camp Fees from \$400 tp \$350 (per camper)	Presenter:	Kathryn Lynch

Discussion/Correction: The Summer camp registration rate per camper for the past two seasons was \$300, and not \$350 as erroneously reported at the HCRC meeting on 2/26/24. The new summer camp registration rate per participant will be raised by \$50 per camper, from \$300 to \$350.

Motion to accept made by Theresa; Seconded by Bill, Passed.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A			
Agenda item:	Nomination of Officers	Presenter:	Kathryn Lynch

Discussion:

Bill nominated Ann Diorio as Chair, Theresa Diorio seconded; passed.
 Theresa nominated Amanda Sweetser as Vice Chair; Karyn seconded. Passed.
 Amanda nominated Karyn as Secretary; Bill seconded. Passed.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A			
Agenda item:	Meeting Adjourned	6:40	

Motion made by Karyn; Seconded by Bill. Passed.
 Next HCRC meeting: TBD
 Location: TBD