

Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, April 27, 2023
6:00 pm
Millstream Community Center

Attendees:	Ann Diorio, Chair; Amanda Sweetser- Vice chair, Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Bill Hodgman- Selectman, Gail Roberts, Theresa Diorio- Town Pool Facilities Manager, Colleen Hayes
Excused:	Emily Clever- Hinsdale Beautification Committee, Sarah Hudon- Program Director, Katie Leonard, Killelee, Maryanne O'Malley
Others present:	Kleay Steever- Summer Camp Head Counselor, Chris Meyers- Farmers' Market Director (will possibly be joining HCRC in the near future)

Minutes

Agenda item:	Acceptance of minutes from meeting 3/30/2023	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Motion made by Bill; Seconded by Theresa; Passed

Agenda item:	Acceptance of Treasurer's Report 3/31/2023	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Discussion: See attached report.

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

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

- Basketball Update/Seasonal Sports Update: N/A; Sarah excused.
- Update of Summer Camp as reported by Kleay Steever:
 - Kleay spoke to the hiring process. Summer Camp currently has 8 counselors on staff. Kleay is camp director and an Assistant Director has been hired (for 10 total staff as of this meeting). The goal is for 11 camp counselors.
 - Presently looking to start Wed July 5. Camp proposed through Aug 18. HCRC in agreement.
 - Theresa spoke to most likely needing to use HES cafe, inquiring re: Food Services.
 - Ann reported that there are some funds available in trust to help provide food for the campers.
 - A scholarship program is in place as in past seasons (via application).
 - Camper registration will not be limited/capped this year.
 - Kleay reported that one of her goals is to have a Summer Camp Facebook page to enhance communication. Brief discussion followed. .

- Bill Hodgman made the motion for Kleay to add a Summer Camp Facebook page; Amanda seconded. Passed. Kleay will move forward to develop this.

- Theresa made the motion to use the same fee schedule as set by the HCRC last season (2022); Bill seconded. Passed.
 - Theresa reported that she is mentoring Kleay regarding the Summer/Day Camp program.
 - Theresa put forth that she and Kleay have discussed staffing, including regarding the needs of some of the campers (particularly those with behavioral issues or 1:1 paraprofessional support throughout school hours). Discussion followed regarding counselor availability, various camper behaviors, and presence of/implementation of updated behavior policy. Parents recommended to sign the policy, when developed/updated. Kleay, Theresa to follow up.

- Pool Update as reported by Theresa Diorio:
 - Theresa reported the Town Pool is in much need of repair. The Town Pool has been in place for about 20 years, with minimal maintenance and no major upgrades.
 - Theresa reported the pool cover needs to be tended to/replaced.
 - There are issues with the pump house.
 - The pool needs to be painted. The Hinsdale Fire Dept will come to drain the pool.
 - Theresa is very appreciative of the help she has received, but is concerned regarding the state of the pool (cover partially in place, condition of the cover and pool, and pump house condition). The Committee agreed that Theresa should call Falvey or contact another pool business to move forward ASAP.
 - The kiddie pool is still unusable, and the cover is in disrepair as well. Line issues are also a factor with the kiddie pool. Options regarding permanently closing the kiddie pool and repurposing that area were discussed.
 - Theresa stated that her goal is to open the pool very soon, ideally prior to Field Day (June 20).
 - The proposed Head Lifeguard will be presented to the Selectboard for approval (hiring process) next Monday. Theresa is hoping to hire four more lifeguards in addition; these positions have been posted. So far, there is one returning lifeguard from last season. Theresa and the Head Lifeguard will complete chemical certification for the Town Pool.
 - Bill offered to help Theresa facilitate Fire Department involvement (draining the pool, etc).

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Follow up regarding Summer Camp staffing, behavior policy (development and) implementation	Kleay, Theresa	ongoing
✓ Follow up regarding Town Pool staffing and condition	Theresa	ongoing

Agenda item:	Beautification Committee/Farmers' Market	Presenter:	Chris Meyers
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Discussion: Beautification Committee: See Emily's attached report.

Bill spoke to keeping an eye on the dam-purchasing process as the parties interested in buying the dam may be interested in contributing toward the gazebo. The dam is in the process of being purchased by a conservatory organization.

Farmers' Market:

Chris Meyers was introduced to the committee. Chris moved to Hinsdale last October (2022) with his wife from Mass. Chris reported that there are five folks on the Farmers' Market Committee at this time. He met with Theresa last week. The Farmers' Market will be moved to Saturdays as farmers don't attend markets on Sundays. Discussion followed regarding possibly renaming the name of the market less restrictive from "Farmers' Market" as a Farmers' Market requires products from at least two different vendors (state regulation).

Chris shared and reviewed with the committee a tentative market schedule with various themes. Discussion followed regarding possibly combining the Market with Arts in the Park; might be easier regarding avoiding vendor duplication, etc. Various other dates/traditional town and school events were reviewed with Chris as well.

Chris is working on advertising; Facebook, Monadnock Radio Group suggested during discussion. Theresa will work toward Chris' access to the Hinsdale Farmers' Market FB page.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Move forward with Farmers' Market planning		Chris Meyers	ongoing
Agenda item:	Heart & Sole/GOTR	Presenter:	Karyn Hammond

Discussion: Nothing to report at this time.

Agenda item:	CIP	Presenter:	Sarah Hudon
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Discussion: No update/Sarah excused.

Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A			

Agenda item:	Other Business	Presenter:	N/A
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Agenda item:	Meeting Adjourned	6:58	
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Motion made by Theresa; Seconded by Gail; Passed

Next HCRC meeting: Thursday, June 1, 2023

Location: TBD