

# Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, May 28, 2020

6:00 pm

SAU building/Zoom conference (mixed due to COVID-19  
Social Distancing Guidelines/Recommendations)

<b>Attendees</b> :	Sean Leary, Chair; Amanda Sweetser- Vice chair, Ann Diorio- Treasurer, Bernie Rideout (remote attendance via Zoom)- Selectman, Sarah Hudon- Program Director, Maryanne O'Malley (HASP), Gail Roberts, Theresa Diorio and Kathryn Lynch (remote)- Hinsdale Beautification Committee, Tammy Stebbins, Sam Kilelee
<b>Excused:</b>	Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Katie Leonard
<b>Others present:</b>	Jill Collins- Town Administrator (remote)

## Minutes

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Acceptance of minutes from meeting 4/16/20	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sean Leary
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**Discussion:**

Motion made by Ann; Seconded by Theresa; Passed

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Treasurer's Report	<b>Presenter:</b>	Ann Diorio
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**Discussion:** See attached report.

Motion to accept made by Theresa; Seconded by Maryanne; Passed.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Program Director Report/Status of summer/seasonal programming – Emergency orders – State guidelines for : Pool/Day Camp/Sports	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sarah Hudon/Jill Collins
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**Discussion:** Sarah reports she continues to wait to work on the draft pending the NH Governor's next instructions due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Present info varies widely depending on whose recommendations Day Camp is to follow, including CDC guidelines, State of NH instructions, or American Pediatric Association guidelines. Sarah believes Day Camp this summer will not be the traditional Day Camp of years past. Sarah stated that she is placing safety first. Sarah also reported counselor employment is down this year from 7 to 5, not counting Tammy and Robin (as they are floaters). Sarah is prioritizing enrollment based on counselor staffing (4 kids per counselor per State of NH recommendations= openings for 20 campers). Sarah is also concerned about hiring additional counselors as training will not be completed for Day Camp opening. For example, Sarah reported that CPR training is not in-person at this time. Sarah feels the original projected date for Day Camp opening (June 26) will not be realistic. Sarah is weighing safety, liability, and social aspects of returning/attending campers as well. Sarah reported several towns have cancelled summer camp plans while others also continue to await the Governor's updated orders. Supplies, budgetary concerns are being considered by Sarah as well. Sarah and Tammy have been having frequent planning, problem-solving discussions. Ann reported that several PPE supplies are in place for the school and the town as well. Sarah reported that PPE guidelines are inconsistent. Gail voiced concerns whether campers would wear their masks throughout the day; Sean/committee feel this will be a challenge at best. Theresa reported concerns re: all staffers obtaining CPR certification as not all teachers in the school are CPR-certified. Theresa pointed out that CPR-certified counselors would be in close proximity. Sarah reported that she had consulted materials left to her by the previous Program Director. Theresa pointed out that all lifeguards are CPR-certified as well. Sarah has consulted with Sara Donahue, who has suggested to be mindful of all

responsibilities being asked of new counselors. Ann, Committee in agreement that day camp enrollment is to be limited. Revolving/rotating schedule option suggested by Theresa, Ann. Theresa reported that she feels that most campers will be eager to attend day camp for needed social-emotional well-being, and suggested that camper behavioral issues may not be as prevalent as anticipated.

Sarah also reported counselors will be scheduled to arrive to Day Camp separately and to have temperature checks. Ann reported that she feels that Tammy, Robin should supervise this process, including temperature screening of campers. Kathryn, Theresa updated the Committee of Winchester's process to date, including complications and budgetary challenges related to COVID-19. Ann suggested staggered drop-off/pick up times for campers. Sarah stated that this is a recommendation of some guidelines she has reviewed. Ann reported she feels it important for Day Camp to open, particularly for those parents returning to work as COVID restrictions begin to ease. Sean reminded the Committee that the final decision for the Town of Hinsdale rests with the Selectboard. Sean concurred with Ann's suggestion that a subcommittee of Sarah, Tammy, and Maryanne may be helpful.

Per Jill's request, Sarah reviewed Day Camp alternatives that Sarah has been working on with Tammy. Sarah reviewed a summer-wide program with scheduled events/clinics such as Craft Hour, soccer drills, painting, nutrition/cooking classes, and others. Camper burnout is a concern. Sarah's hope with this model would be to use the counselors for individual programming and avoid camper burnout, as well as to allow parents to attend with their children if able/interested. Sarah stated that this would be geared toward anyone in town if traditional Day Camp isn't ultimately to take place. Sarah's concern is that campers should not be required to bring their own lunches, as guidelines from the State of NH currently mandate. Ann reported that she has been in contact with state officials who would like present food provision practices to continue, and that this should not be a concern.

Theresa suggested that the Committee meet again in two weeks in hopes that clarification has been received from the State of NH in order to plan summer programming to present to the Selectboard, and Sean suggested that this would be well as to recommend alternate programming.

Sports not to be reviewed at this time (likely closer to the autumn) as information has not been received for more immediate programs.

Maryanne asked for clarification regarding the town pool; Sarah reported the Governor so far has clarified hotel pool status only at this point. Sarah mentioned that the pool does need to be pressure-washed and painted, and that the previous Program Director was mindful of that last year. If the pool is not to open this season, this may be a good opportunity to pressure wash and paint it. Sarah reported present lifeguards are willing to assist as needed.

Jill reported that Primex reported the majority of NH pools have closed, including Manchester, as 6' distancing is mandated, and bathrooms to be cleaned after each use. Jill reported that Falvey Pools was reluctant to open the town pool at this time. The pool will still be opened and maintained. Jill's concern is for everyone's safety, and reported that the State has mandated that no recreational employees can be hired as of the time of this meeting. Jill is concerned about the respiratory implications for some (COVID-19-) afflicted children, as well as mutations of the COVID-19 virus. Kathryn voiced that she feels that Sarah needs direction from the Committee tonight rather than continuing to wait for word from the Governor as families need to plan. Sarah asked that she be able to release a statement that Day Camp will not open for June, and re-evaluation will occur pending the Governor's updated direction. Sean reported support of a proposed public statement submitted by Sarah.

Motion to proceed with Sarah's press release at this time: made by Ann; Seconded by Maryanne.

Sean clarified with Jill regarding Selectboard deadlines in order to make finalized decisions regarding Day Camp, etc. Jill reported that she has forwarded NH guideline information to Amanda's husband (as he has proposed a Cal Ripken baseball clinic). Jill is in support of a soccer clinic to follow the baseball clinic.

Sean reviewed upcoming dates, including with Jill (regarding Selectboard meeting dates). Ann proposed meeting as a committee (HCRC) prior to meeting with the Selectboard.

Jill to add HCRC on the agenda for the Selectboard meeting on Monday, June 15.

Motion passed by Committee; all in favor.

**Conclusions:** Committee to meet Wed, June 10 to review (anticipated) guidelines at that time from the State of NH (Governor), prepare a plan to present at the Selectboard meeting Monday, June 15.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ See above		

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Beautification Committee/Farmers' Market	<b>Presenter:</b>	Kathryn Lynch/Theresa Diorio
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**Discussion:**

Theresa has been in contact with Jill, others related to the Farmers' Market, working to connect with Sarah to coordinate the opening of the Farmers' Market, vendors, etc.

Kathryn reported that the Art in the Park and July 3rd events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions/recommendations implemented by the state of NH.

Flowers should be in by June (downtown). Signs are in place to enhance the downtown region. A Zoom sign class event that was held went very well.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Continue to follow up re: Farmers' Market, Beautification Committee events as able, within NH-mandated safety precautions	Theresa, Kathryn	as able

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Meeting Adjourned	<b>7:04</b>	
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Motion made by Sam; Seconded by Gail; Passed

Next HCRC meeting: Wednesday, June 10, SAU Building/Zoom (remote access)