

**NEW DURHAM PARKS & RECREATION
COMMISSION
MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

PRESENT: CELESTE CHASSE, NICK MARKS, SCOTT GOODSPEED, CHAD CHASE, JAIME BAMFORD

Scott Goodspeed - Meeting called to order - 6:05PM

PUBLIC INPUT:

AGENDA REVIEW

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Review minutes

Under RSA 39:2

Motion made by Chad to approve minutes. Second by Nick - Unanimous - 4/0

Senior Dance

Scheduled on February 26th from 2pm to 4pm. Event will feature the Windham Jazz Band. Flyer has been distributed and posted. Estimated 50 or more attendees. Light decorations, appetizers, baked goods, door prizes.

Vacation Week

Potential field trip on Tuesday Feb 28th. Tubing would be an option, at \$18 per person at Gunstock (discounted rec rate). Movie theaters may be another option, but they have not responded to inquiries.

Dover Bowl has a \$2 Tuesday deal, but they will not take reservations. It is their busiest time, so there may not be lanes available.

Crazy Kids is taking reservations in Pembroke.

Funspot could be an option - mini golf and bowling in addition to video games. Celeste will call to see if we can get a deal.

Planetarium may be an option. Would this be something the kids would want to do? Would we have enough participants for a field trip?

\$2 per kid for the bus driver and gas would need to be covered as well, depending on the number of kids who participate. It would be best to schedule two activities to optimize the transportation and also provide an all-day option for kids.

Sledding at Moose Mountain in Brookfield?

Sledding and hot cocoa is scheduled at the ND field for Thursday of vacation week.

Ice Skating

Ice skating the next 3 Wednesday nights. 5:30 -6:30. Conditions are good and the area has not needed plowing - minimal prep to flatten.

Easter

Meetinghouse was a better option than the ND Fields. The event would only be an hour, so a PortaPotty would not be a necessity. However, if we buy one and have it serviced, the cost of purchase would be around \$700 (not including servicing). Current cost is \$150 for a regular unit and \$175 for a handicapped unit, so we could save in the long run. We'd run the risk of the unit being trashed, and service being refused. For the rental, is most of the cost associated with service or with the delivery of the unit? Outhouse option as an alternative?

2023 Easter egg hunt will be held again at the Meeting house.

5K Race

The 5K will be a stand-alone event. There is no New Durham Day scheduled for 2023. May/June, before school is out? The Meetinghouse wants to hold an event, and would hold it the same day as the race - a barbecue and a petting zoo. We would hold the race based on the date they come up with.

Winter Carnival

We received a response from the airplane club. They cannot fly over people, but we could have them come at 2pm after everyone is off the ice and fly from 2:30 to 4:30. The only issue would be that it is a public pond, and we can't regulate who decides to go out on the ice after 2:30.

We'll have to ask people to respect the schedule, but there is no way of knowing how many might stay on the ice. Would the ballfields present another option as a backup plan?

Candy bar bingo could run from 9:30 to 11 once the derby is underway.

Build your own car race from 11am to 1pm. There will be a small track, and small prizes will be awarded. The school is saving milk cartons, and we have boxes available.

Snow hike across the ice - could make it into a poker run.

Chili contest in the afternoon. Stacy will run the contest, with drop-off of chili from 11 to 11:30 and pickup at 1:30.

Ice cream social at 3pm? Celeste will reach out to Johnson's.

Fire and music.

One food truck has been reserved, and we're waiting to hear from a second truck for sausage subs or tacos and desserts. There are two trucks pending.

The snowmobile club will set up a table.

For a liquor one day would be \$125. We would also need Farmington's permission. Decided not to pursue a license.

Cornhole and Yard Pong would be an option if the weather is warm and creates potential issues with the ice. Is there a point at which we would not want to hold the meeting, based on the thickness of the ice? There is no regulation, but if we feel it isn't safe then cancelling would be at our discretion. Common sense (via Scott's web search) - 4 inches or less should be considered unsafe. 6 inches or more is what we'll plan for. Would people come down if we aren't able to use the ice? We should plan to prep the ballfields as a contingency plan, because there is a likelihood that we'd need to cancel ice events based on the forecasted weather for the next few weeks.

Fireworks for future years? It would create an attraction if we continue to run into issues with ice. We'd need permits, there would be the expense of the event (\$8K for a 20 minute show). The fire department would also have to be involved - not an option.

Donations:

\$250 from Meredith Village Savings Bank - they want us to do s'mores

\$200 from Cardinal & Glidden

\$250 from Alton Legion Post 72

Alton Legion post 72 son is donating, with amount TBD

New Business

Athletic Field Use

Dave Wilson - Flag Football - April to June / July. Would use one or two fields for two nights per week. Scheduling would conflict with baseball, but we may need to accommodate. He would need to submit liability insurance policy. Has not responded at this time.

Traveling softball tournament August 12th. One-day, all-day. We could provide concessions. No alcohol would be allowed, so teams would need to be notified.

April Vacation - Event

ND Rec and Town Library will team up for a juggling show. \$600, split \$300/\$300 with Rec and Town Library. World Class Juggling Show - Jason Tardy Productions. 1 hour setup, 30 minutes breakdown, but does not indicate how long the show would be. According to the website, the show is more elaborate than juggling alone - includes comedy and props. At least an hour?

Under RSA 39:2

Motion made by Chad to spend \$300 to contribute to cost of World Class Juggling Show. Second by Jaime - Unanimous - 4/0

Old Business

Meeting schedule - confirmation of next meeting date

NEXT MEETING

March 8th at the Town Hall at 6:30pm

Under RSA 39:2

Motion made by Chad to adjourn - Second by Nick - Unanimous – 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Marks