

**NEW DURHAM PARKS & RECREATION
COMMISSION
MINUTES APRIL 12, 2023**

PRESENT: CELESTE CHASSE, NICK MARKS, DOT VIESEL, MARK D'ENTREMONT, JAIME BAMFORD

Jaime Bamford - Meeting called to order - 6:04PM

PUBLIC INPUT:

AGENDA REVIEW

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Review minutes

Under RSA 39:2

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

Senior Trip / Dance

Celeste is working with the Farmington Rec. on another dance, to be open to adults as well as seniors. Robin and Jody (musical duo) is available on June 11th, at a total cost of \$600. Split with Farmington, our contribution would be \$300 out of the revolving fund. For the trip, Connecticut would be three hours so Celeste is looking into other options that would be closer.

May 25th there is a taco bar scheduled at the Farmington Rec. department. The food will be provided by Farmington and New Durham Rec. as a dual event. This amount will come out of the revolving fund.

Under RSA 39:2

Motion made by Dot to spend \$300 for band for adult dance on June 11th at Farmington Rec. Second by Nick. Unanimous - 4/0

Under RSA 39:2

Motion made by Dot to spend \$100 on supplies for senior taco bar on May 25th at Farmington Rec. Second by Nick. Unanimous - 4/0

Cards for Veterans

Cardmaking is scheduled for April 19th at the library from 5-7. Last month there were 75 cards made, and this month's goal is 150.

High Energy Juggling

Jason Tardy: High Energy Juggling April 26th @3pm cost \$275

Beach

Permit from DES is required - \$400 to swap out the shed. Current shed 5 x 8. Celeste has quotes for premade sheds - 10x14 \$4800, 10x14 \$4321. 10x12 is \$3709. If we order in April there is a 5% discount. We have \$1000 in the budget for the beach. The fence has been ordered, and has tentatively been scheduled for June. The remainder would come from the revolving fund. Delivery would be \$150 or \$250, depending on size.. All shed options have metal roofs.

The revolving fund, after last month's withdrawal, has approximately \$30,000 available.

Celeste will shop around for the cheapest option for 10x14 shed with gambrel roof.

The old shed will be relocated to the ballfields. The shed needs to be a minimum of 50 feet away from wetlands. The shed will be on cinderblocks and will be located in the lower parking lot area.

Motion - Dot - spend up to \$5000 on shed, including permit and delivery costs - Mark second - 4/0 unanimous.

5K Race

The certification for the course expired, so the course will need to be recertified. The cost is \$400 (Bob Kennedy - recert for NH, normally \$425). If there are any changes to be made to the course, now would be the time to make the changes. Celeste had put in a request for police/fire support for June 24th. \$35 to run, with tshirts for participants.

If the course is certified, we could be included in a series but we would also have the expense of a timer. Certification would be valid for 10 years. Timing would be approximately \$800. Another option would be a clock for the finish line - \$199 for a tripod-mounted unit. The clock might have other uses - sporting events. Celeste will seek donations from an organization to cover the cost of the timer.

We don't have a specific line for this expense. The amount could be pulled from the ballfields, but it technically isn't ballfield maintenance. \$1000 for programs has already been allocated. The sports equipment line has \$877 available - will take the \$400 from the sports and equipment line.

Self Defense Class

May 3rd - \$15 per participant - teacher will be \$175. 6 people signed up so far, with 5 pending. The event will be self-funded.

Motion - Dot - authorize Celeste to spend \$175 for a self-defense coach - second Nick - unanimous 4/0

Muddy Road

30 people have signed up for the paint night. Filled to occupancy, so registration/advertisement has been taken down. May 4th.

Swimming Lessons

Information is now posted on the website. Five have signed up already, with lessons beginning in July (week after 4th of July) through the first week of August. Celeste has been in touch with the instructor. The format will be the same as last year - instructor and an assistant. We will have three beach attendants who may be able to assist as well - more help in the water would be better.

There will be a new beach attendant hired at the standard rate of \$10/hour.

Motion - Dot - hire a beach attendant for \$10/hour with a starting date of Memorial Day weekend - Second Nick - unanimous 4/0

Teeball and Track

Starting this week. Supposed to have a portapotty delivered today. Cal Ripken asked to use fields again. This will not create a scheduling issue since the field is not being used. If we had enough kids we could field our own team, but we don't know whether we would have enough participants.

When the sports shirts are ordered, Celeste will also check on the cost of t-shirts and sweatshirts for ND rec, to be sold on the website.

Meetinghouse Fund Raising

Meetinghouse wants us to put selling t-shirts on the website (the ND rec page). If we take in the money via web sales, it would go directly into the revolving fund.

Pickle ball courts

Celeste is getting a quote on the cost. Once we have an amount, we can determine how to move forward.

Upper fields

Quote for killing the weeds on the upper infield. \$300 which is in the budget. Urban Tree Service. Date TBD. Celeste checked with Judy on what maintenance is being done on the fields and will have more information once she hears back.

Wiffle Ball

Chad & Celeste will be running AWA wiffle ball season this summer. Chad wants half of the registration money collected to be donated to ecology club. The field will be lined, and we will fabricate a metal strike zone. Standard rules, with 3 per team. \$30/team is the tentative amount, to be determined based on cost calculations.

Cornhole tournament also suggested. \$10 per person, random draw of partners. Dodgeball as an option as well.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt at the meetinghouse was a success - very well attended - 76 kids. 1750 eggs. We collected \$128 in donations, which paid for the pancake breakfast. Celeste shut down registration on the Friday before the event, and there were still people calling asking if they could register. We had two families that showed up the morning of the event as well.

Summer Field Trips

Looking for ideas, if anyone has suggestions. Loon trail, rail trail, Old Orchard Beach, Beaver Brook State Park, Flume. Would prefer to schedule two different events, and use the bus for all-day registration. Whale watch, deep sea fishing. Obstacle course at Gunstock (\$60).

Fluffy Puppy Class

Crafting event - May 24th 6pm \$10. Celeste will prepare a materials list so we can determine cost.

Coaches Gifts

\$35 to Johnson's has been the previous gift, but Celeste would like to include volunteers as well as coaches - a cookout. Mark can assist with grilling (hot dogs, hamburgers, teriyaki chicken strips, chips, salad, fruit, cupcakes, potato salad, drinks, popcorn and cotton candy, plates, forks, napkins, condiments). Early June, around the end of school. Down at the park - games. Celeste will generate a list of expenses.

New Business

None

Old Business

Meeting schedule - confirmation of next meeting date

NEXT MEETING

May 9th at the Community Room at 6:00pm.

Under RSA 39:2

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Marks