

**NEW DURHAM PARKS & RECREATION
COMMISSION
MINUTES Wednesday, May 11th, 2022**

PRESENT: DARLENE DEMERRITT, SCOTT GOODSPEED, DOT VEISEL, CELESTE CHASSE, NICK MARKS, CHAD CHASE, JAMIE BAMFORD, MARK D'ENTREMONT

Chair Dot Veisel Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Public Input – none

Agenda Review

Director's Report

- **Elect commission positions**
 - Nick Marks For secretary position**
Nomination by Dot. 2nd by Scott Goodspeed
6 yes 1 abstains.
 - Jamie Bamford Vice chair**
Nomination by Chad Chase 2nd by Nick
6 yes and 1 abstains
 - Scott Goodspeed for Chair**
nominated by Dot Veisel
2nd by Jamie Bamford
6 yes 1 abstains
 - Sign PAF for bus driver
Discussion and question asked to Celest by the commission, about how many hours of labor, and estimate By Celest is 18 hours. And some discussion on the hourly wage to decide on.
- **Under RSA 39:2**
- Motion made by Dot, approve the new rate for bus driver for field trips new rate \$18 an hour 2nd by Chad.**
Unanimous 7-0
Documents signed for approval
 - **Bike Day update**
Review of Rec directors' letter to get sponsors. edits made and noted for next rev. Celeste will bring them to the businesses in hand later in the week.
Obstacle course ideas, and materials discussion. Possibly needing some 8x10 wood planks, and Celeste has other things including Cones we will utilize for the kid's fun obstacle course for bikes. On the field.
 - **Skate Park idea update**
Conversation around ideas of how to raise money for a skate park.
Ideas include and not limited to..Groups of kids try and do some boot drives. Fund raising Ideas kids make up and do with park and rec assistance.
School dance..chili contest, or some other fundraising ideas for kids to participate in.
 - **New Durham day 260th**
Theme Larger than Life
 - **Cartoonist \$575 for 3 hours**
She draws 20 per hour, some discussion about how many kids can benefit from it.

➤ **Under RSA 39:2**

Dot makes motion to request the cartoonist, to do a split of the cost, asking her if she would be able to do \$5 charge and we would make up the difference. If no then back to the original agreement of 3 hours.

2nd by Chad

Unanimous 7-0

- Stony pine farm is going to do horse rides
Have horse ride at back end of bottom field
- Band
Band located End of the night at birch hill, view fireworks- fire pit
- 260 cow patty square for the celebration of 260th year
Potential outcome and plan is We make about 1K and the winner gets \$300
- Do we want food trucks?
Yes, and idea about cotton candy/candy and popcorn at concessions, Celeste looking at food trunks
- Porta patty's needed, one at the Selt cabin and one at the Race club pond
Will cost 275\$ for the day
- CNDD fund raising up next
Rubber Duck race will be possibly, ducks numbered, contestant buy's a duck. Prizes awarded.
- Will be done in June. Location initial idea is letter s road at end of Merry meeting river at the dam, heading towards New Durham. So we have the walking path next to the river and its fast enough water to work well and Duck retrieval is easier.
Flyer made and ready for advertising on social media and newspaper outlets.
- Other CNDD events at field.
Army truck, display. Magician,
Celeste to look into Magician we had last year and cost.

➤ **Under RSA 39:2**

- **Chad makes motion to authorized up to \$750 for Magician for New Durham day.**
- **2nd by Scott Goodspeed**
Unanimous 7-0

➤ **Under RSA 39:2**

- **Dot makes Motion to auth rec director to spend up to \$275 for porta potty, for CNDD**
2nd by Mark
Unanimous 7-0
- Cotton candy machine
More looking into it
- Fields update
New sowed Grass growing slow, needs water. Celeste will put hoses and sprinkler out this week as temps are going to be in the 80's
Celeste has plans in motion to clear the land proposed for an area for pickle ball courts/tennis. Some discussion about this and future needs to apply for the grant once the free volunteer clearing is done and ready for development. 2023
Stone dust will be ordered, for walking path out of budgetary funds.
- Nerf games May 25th \$5 each w/pizza
Review and some already signed up, Money will be collected the door.
- Summer swimming lessons Barnstead does \$40 each child 30-minute lesson for 2 weeks
Celeste investigated this to compare.
We do 20 minutes for 1 and 2 and 30 minutes for 3 and 4 and 40 minutes for level 5.
Conversation around this topic and consensus was use the Same pricing structure, just add \$5 to each level this year for addition cost of swim instructor

- **Under RSA 39:2**
 - Dot makes motion to increase \$5 per head for each level of swimming instructions**
 - 2nd By Cad**
 - Unanimous 7-0**
 - Summer field trips
 1. Maine wildlife park June 28th \$10 each person
 2. IT & Round one Arcade Portland July 19th
 3. Either Chuckster's or see science center & cowabunga

New Business

Request for Porta potty at Meetinghouse from asap to at least November.. Resident offered to pay first \$400. Have it there Through thanksgiving, discussion about this topic and consensus is its not a needed item and would bring more unwanted foot traffic on non-event times to the facility, we asked if the resident could do a petition so we know how much interest there is in it and we will review the request again.

- **Old Business**
 - Meeting Schedule
 - Next meeting
 - June 8th
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
- **Under RSA 39:2**
 - Motion made by Dot to approve Minutes for April 16th 2022, 2nd by Jamie Bamford, unanimous 7-0**
- **Under RSA 39:2**
 - **Dot makes motion for approval for minutes as amended January 15 Wednesday 2022 2nd by Scott Chair.**
 - Unanimous 7-0**
- **Under RSA 39:2**
 - **motion made by Dot to approve March 16th minutes, 2nd by Scott. Unanimous**
- **Under RSA 39:2**
 - **Adjournment**
 - Motion made by Mark to adjourn
 - 2nd by Dot

Meeting ended 8:28

Submitted by Mark DEntremont
5/12/2022