

TOWN OF NEWTON, NH

Recreation Commission

*2 Town Hall Road*

*Newton, NH 03858*

Date: February 6, 2023

Call to Order - 7:00 pm.

In attendance – Chairman Rick Faulconer, Selectman Matt Burrill, Peggy Connors, and Patricia Masterson (recording Minutes).

Approval of the Minutes

**Selectman Burrill made a Motion to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2022. Chairman Faulconer seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously****.**

Senior Exercise Event

Chairman Faulconer and Firefighter Jim Ryan are exploring options for a Senior Exercise Event to be held at the Town Hall. Primex has given approval. The event will be held during a weekday morning and free to attendees. Silver Sneakers is available Wednesdays and Fridays at Hampstead Health and Fitness and throughout the week. Sargent Woods holds a stretching class on Mondays and Thursdays. Chairman Faulconer will report on the event at the next meeting. The question arose as to whether attendees need to sign a waiver.

Beach Sand

Ms. Masterson and Chairman Faulconer will begin work on procuring beach sand for the Town Beach at Country Pond. The process usually requires six months of approvals, which will begin with the Conservation Commission.

Olde Home Day

The Recreation Commission needs to choose a date for Olde Home Day. Chairman Faulconer suggested September 16. Ms. Masterson will contact the schools to see if there are conflicts with that date. Ms. Masterson will provide Olde Home Day vendor contacts at the next meeting. Food vendors will need to be contacted soon.

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We should begin soliciting raffle prizes soon. Each member of the Recreation Commission will act as a Coordinator for tasks: Car Show, Food Vendors, Raffle prizes, Music, Entertainment. Ms. Masterson will begin the application process for permission to use school grounds.

Baseball/Softball fields new loam

Selectman Burrill will report at the next meeting on the status of providing new loam for the baseball and softball fields at Greenie Park.

Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22. The Recreation Commission would like to work with the Conservation Commission to do a cleanup in Town. Possibilities are Greenie Park, the Town Beach or Busch Farm. Mr. Simone will contact Trisha McCarthy and the Boy Scouts. Ms. Masterson will contact the Girl Scouts.

Photo for website

A new group photo is needed for the Recreation Commission website page. We will try to meet at the Peanut Trail after the Memorial Day dedications at Willow Grove Cemetery.

Lifeguards

We will begin advertising for new lifeguards. Information will be posted on Facebook, Post Offices, Town Hall, Instagram, Indeed, Linked In, Seacoast Online, and Carriage Towne News. Ms. Masterson will ask Lifeguard Supervisor Peter Janeliunas if he will interview applicants.   
**Ms. Connors made a Motion to buy advertising space in Carriage Towne News and North of Boston news for not more than $600.00. Chairman Faulconer seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously. Faulconer – aye; Burrill – aye; Connors – aye.**

Plans for 2023

The Recreation Commission plans for 2023. Mr. Faulconer will research ideas for a Town-wide mailing. Tentative dates for events are:

March 8 – Job Expo at Sanborn High School

April 22 – Earth Day

May 13 – Yard Sale

May 29 – Memorial Day

July – Water Aerobics at Town Beach

August 16 – Senior Trip

September 16 – Olde Home Day

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October 14 – Yard Sale

October 21 – Trunk or Treat

November 11 – Veterans Day (and breakfast)

December – Newton Christmas lights listings

December – Tree lighting

December 13 – Senior luncheon

Recreation Commission Meetings will be the first and third Mondays of each month.

Upcoming Topics

Ms. Masterson will contact the Friends of Newton Recreation to find out if new wood chips are needed for the playground. She will also ask Trisha McCarthy for the status of the requested ARPA funds for the Recreation Commission – lifeguard buoys, life jackets, lifeguard umbrella, new AED, basketball court nets and tennis court nets.

Warrant Article

An amendment was made at the Town Deliberative session to increase the Warrant Article request to $5,000 for Senior activities.

Adjournment

**Selectman Burrill made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Chairman Faulconer seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously.**

Next Meeting

February 20, 2023, in the Large Room at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. will be the next meeting of the Recreation Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Masterson, Secretary

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