

HAMPDEN RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 1, 2020— Skehan Recreation Center, Google Meet (Virtual and in person)

Time: 6:35 PM

Committee Members: Steve Brown (2020), James Dyer (2020), Jason Sharpe (2020), (excused), Jane Jarvi (2021), Francis Pergolizzi (2021), Joshua Scroggins (2021)(excused), Stephanie Shayne (2021), Nancy Fenders (2022), Allene "Uiko" Frey (2023)

Staff: Shelly Abbott, Director of Recreation

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call/Introductions: 6:30 Uiko Frey welcomed. Jane Jarvi chaired meeting.
- II. Approval of Agenda: approved
- III. Public Comments: None
- V. Approval of Minutes 6/25/2020: Approved
- VI. Directors Update/Report
 - A. COVID-19 Post-Closure/Department Operations.

Opened June 1, 2020 following State recommendations and guidelines. The interpretation of guidelines varies by communities. The individual programs and affiliated programs are doing a great job. All events include the ability to trace participants.
 - B. Summer: Summer day camp was held at the Kiwanis Building. High enrollment was in the mid-20s.
 - C. Fall and Beyond:
 - a. An electro-static cleaner came the first of August and facilitates COVID-19 cleaning of facilities.
 - b. Children programming includes soccer and tennis offered with additional programs being explored. Soccer enrollment down by almost half (74), which is appropriate due to space and time restrictions. Adult programming is gradually reopening. Any program in Skehan Center is limited to 50 participants, including rentals.
 - c. Both the before/after school program and the full day program (for those students attending the hybrid program of 2 school days and 3 non-school days) keeps a ratio of 1:8. RSU 21 worked with three vendors to facilitate non-school time daycare. The Hampden Recreation full day program is housed in three classrooms at Journey Church in the classroom portion of the old Hampden Academy.
 - d. No school facilities available to public for use per State guidelines.
 - e. Winter programming and structure waiting based upon the Maine Principals Association guidelines.
 - D. Affiliated Program Guideline Update: Director Abbott updated the Affiliated Program Guidelines. The major change was insurance coverage is no longer offered by the Town. These guidelines will be forwarded to Council for acceptance at their October 13 meeting.
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - A. Town Staff Update: Evan (full-time recreation staff member) accepted a new position. Cameron Parr, B.S. in Sports Management, MBA, has been hired. A new Assessor has been hired. The Director of Public works resigned September 25, 2020. All councilors from the four districts have chosen not to seek re-election. There are candidates for each district that will be decided in the November election, taking their seats in January.
- VIII. New Business: A exploratory public hearing was held by Amy Ryder, the Economic Development Director, to discuss the need of a Community Center. Consolidation of services, lease on the Skehan Center, and aging buildings were some reasons cited. External funding would be sought including a capital campaign and grants.
- IX. Committee Comments: Jane Jarvi raised two ideas: invite a high school student to sit on the Recreation Committee; ensure all populations be represented. Frank suggested an open house: this will allow the committee to determine if there is a demand to be filled or if the need may not exist.
- X. Next Meeting: TBD. The next meeting will focus only on the Recreation Plan for 2020.
- XI. Adjournment: 8:10

Minutes submitted by Jane Jarvi