

# HAMPDEN RECREATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** June 25, 2020— Skehan Recreation Center, Google Meet (Virtual)

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Committee Members:** Jane Jarvi (2021), Francis Pergolizzi (2021), Stephanie Shayne (2021), Jason Sharpe (2020), Nancy Fenders (2022), James Dyer (2020), Steve Brown (2020), Joshua Scroggins (2021)

**Staff:** Shelly Abbott, Director of Recreation

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- I. Call to Order, Roll Call/Introductions: 6:30
- II. Approval of Agenda: approved
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Committee Elections: Jason Sharpe, Chair; Jane Jarvi, Secretary
- V. Approval of Minutes 1/9/2020: Approved
- VI. Directors Update/Report
  - A. Winter II Review: Started late February.
  - B. COVID-19 Closure/Department Operations: All programs cancelled with program fees refunded due to COVID. Skehan Center closed March 16, 2020. All full-time employees worked from home. Some online programming and activities provided. Reopened to limited use June 1, 2020 (pickle ball, line dancing, special events).
  - C. Summer and beyond: Summer day camp returned to the Kiwanis Hall. Enrollment reduced to 32 with 20's currently enrolled. Camp being provided as a service to the community with expenses only partially covered by fees. Participants are doing well with COVID 19 guidelines. Camp will be for seven weeks. A modified adult league with multiple team sports may be offered in August. Senior Exercise to resume in September (though an unofficial group has been meeting at the Tennis Courts).
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - A. Western Avenue Recreation Area: Closed due to construction. Mayor Ryder and council worked with contractor to keep costs down. Water abatement almost completed, parking lot will be expanded and initially be a dirt lot, egress to Western Avenue to be paved and completed this summer. Some funds are available from the Environmental Trust for reimbursement. State permits are viable for two more years for project completion with the potential for extensions.
  - B. Town Staff Update: Town manager, town clerk, and economic and community development officer positions have been permanently filled.
  - C. Budget Process FY 21: Funds for Skehan gym roof resurfacing/sealing have been requested. Some FY 2020 funds forwarded to FY 2021. Town will operate under FY 2020 budget until budget for School District is approved by voters.
  - D. Recreation Plan Update: tabled to next meeting pending board final review.
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Recreation Plan Survey 2020: Shelley requested board to review and submit any revisions/recommendations. It will go out electronically and may be offered at the July election.
  - B. Grants: Shelley started a grant writing course which was cancelled due to COVID-19. However, she did submit a request to Bangor Savings for COVID-19 safety equipment, which was funded.
  - C. Sponsorship: Frank volunteered to work with Shelley on how to solicit team and league sponsorships.
  - D. Volunteer recruitment: great need for volunteer officials
  - E. Reengage community: Parks have been greatly utilized as well as tennis courts and other outdoor facilities. It was suggested that the trails of Hampden be promoted on the website, maybe with a map, to include the cross-country trail behind the middle school. The last section of sidewalk for the town center square mile is currently being completed. It is felt that people will want organized recreation once it is safe. The Skehan Center will be closed for three days for the July Election and the last week of August for floor refinishing.
- IX. Committee Comments:
- X. Next Meeting: TBD. All members asked to do one final edit of Recreation Plan.
- XI. Adjournment: 8:00

Minutes submitted by Jane Jarvi