

**Town of Sunapee: Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2021**

- **In Attendance:** Scott Blewit, Samantha Heino, Melissa Trow, Jesse Socci, Megan Oxland (5:56) and Dan Hayward (6:35).
    - **Guests:** Residents representing the Friends of Recreation / Sunapee Pickleballers.
  - **Meeting called to order by Melissa: 5:36 PM.**
  - **Meeting Ended: 7:18 PM. Motioned by Jesse, Seconded by Dan H.**
  - **6 Votes, No policy updates took place during this meeting**
    - **Vote 1:** Unanimous YES on committee support for warrant articles
    - **Vote 2:** Unanimous YES on renewal of Tim Berube's committee term
    - **Vote 3:** Unanimous YES on renewal of Charleen Osborne's committee term
    - **Vote 4:** Unanimous YES on accepting Dan Hayward as committee vice chair
    - **Vote 5:** Unanimous YES on accepting Charleen Osborne as committee chair
    - **Vote 6:** Unanimous YES on accepting Jesse Socci as committee secretary
  - **Attachments: 1) Renderings for possible new storage building at Dewy Field by LaValley's.**
- 1. Soccer Update:**
- a. PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade is now over
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be over soon. Post season jamboree to be held
  - c. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to play in MV Soccer League end of season tournament
  - d. Individual team post season banquets to be held for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams
  - e. Overall soccer had a successful season with no issues. September meeting min has participation and revenue numbers.
- 2. Basketball Registration:**
- a. K-2 to start Saturday Nov. 4
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in Quad Valley Basketball League
  - c. Registration is open now until 10/31
  - d. A question was asked about if there is going to be COVID policy for basketball. We are proceeding as everything is normal unless an issue comes to light. Decisions are in the hands of school leadership in terms of facility use.
- 3. Halloween Update:**
- a. Haunted Harbor to take place Saturday 10/30
  - b. Project Sunapee to host town wide trick-or-treating taking place on Central St. on 10/31

- c. Recreation Department will be at both trunk-or-treat and town wide trick-or-treat
- d. Pumpkin People currently has 11 participants with more in the works. Goal of 25.
- e. Pumpkin carving event to be held this Saturday 10/16 on Veterans Field. Currently 22 participants with a 75 participant cap. FREE event to Sunapee residents! Pumpkins being purchased from Beaver Pond Farm.

#### **4. Turkey Trot Update:**

- a. Currently 101 participants registered
- b. We are expecting anywhere between 600-800 participants. Last year was a lower turn out with 350 participants due to COVID.
- c. This year will be the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Trot
- d. Sponsorship currently at \$3,500
- e. Participants can register for the event at <http://sunapeeturkeytrot.com/>

#### **5. Veterans Field Update:**

- a. Charleen is absent. Update on project status given by a member of Friends of Recreation
- b. Friends of Recreation has been in touch with Pathways. They are supposed to work with Scott on finalizing a plan for Pathways to get the committee an estimate on the plan approved at the September meeting. Scott has emailed them to get the ball rolling again
- c. Pathways has been asked for the cost of the drainage and Phase 1 only, not the whole project
- d. Pathways wanted the committee to know that we would have to seek additional engineering on the proposed building as they do not work with building's, only the site work. They noted that their figures would not include this building
- e. After discussion on new skate park equipment, it was decided by the committee to not look into purchasing new equipment for Phase 1 and to stick to the original plan of just making a new surface for the current equipment. Scott said that the current equipment is in good condition and still under warranty. This will be re-visited for Phases 2 / 3 of the Veterans Field Project after the new surface is done in Phase 1
- f. A question was asked about the restroom facilities in the building. Currently, the plan is to have 1 unisex handicapped accessible bathroom that is heated and open year round. Scott does not think a need for more is necessary as we have had only 1 portable restroom in the past and have not had issues or complaints that there need to be more.
- g. Overall, the committee does not feel comfortable putting a plan in place for a warrant article until we get the estimates back from Pathways. A question was asked by Friends of Sunapee Recreation what the committee thought was a good goal for fundraising was (for Phase 1). Committee believes that if 50% of the funds came through fundraising and donations that would be a great goal to aim for, however this is all dependent on the final estimate.

## **6. Warrant Articles:**

- a.** Full time Director of Recreation
  - i.** Many new programs have been added and are currently all doing very well. There have been many requests for even more events to be added, such as senior trips, however more time is needed for planning and making these requests become reality.
- b.** Purchase of 15 passenger van
  - i.** This van will get used for MANY purposes, including Sunapee Summer Camp which saw a profit of \$25K in its inaugural season. We spent roughly \$3,600 renting a school bus for camp this year, however Scott expects that number to more than double as camp continues to grow and more opportunities for day trips open up
- c.** Veterans Field Phase 1 Project
  - i.** See above section for update.
- d.** Storage building on Dewy Field
  - i.** Sunapee Recreation currently has a lot of equipment that is stored all over town, and some that is even stored outdoors. This storage building will give us enough space to house everything that we have with room for more. We want to be able to have a space for storage so that our equipment can be well taken care of and as long as possible. The committee also would like to eventually look into purchasing equipment for trail grooming, as well as an updated chase boat, however we do not want to make these purchases without knowing that there is a proper place to store them.
- e.** The Recreation Committee unanimously approves of and strongly recommends that these articles all pass. They have been discussed at great length in many past meetings, and we feel that in order for Recreation in Sunapee to continue to thrive and grow at a high level, that these items are needed. A motion was made by Jesse to re-affirm the committees support for these items, seconded by Dan.

## **7. General Updates:**

- a.** Sunapee summer camp was a huge success with a final profit number of \$25,000
- b.** Planning for 2022 events is well underway.
  - i.** Summer Fest planned for June 25<sup>th</sup> is continuing to grow and draw interest. There will be vendors of all kinds, inflatables, music, food, touch a truck and more. Currently have 2 sponsors and \$5,000. Estimating that the new event will bring in around \$20,000.
  - ii.** June 24<sup>th</sup>, the night prior to Summer Fest there will be live music and refreshments
  - iii.** Dogs Day is being planned for a Saturday in October. No specific date yet. There will be dog / pet related vendors at the event. Got the idea from an event that took place in North Conway

- iv. Harvest Moon Dinner to take place on October 22 (2022). This will be a stand up diner / social event with various restaurants from all over serving sample portions of their fall menu's
- c. There are no new updates on the expanded parking and event space in the harbor above the gazebo.

**8. Membership:**

- a. Tim's term has expired and he is seeking renewal. A motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Dan to renew Tim's term as full member. Unanimous YES.
- b. Charleen's term has expired and she is seeking renewal. A motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Dan to renew Charlene's term as full member. Unanimous YES.
- c. Dan's term is up as Vice Chair. A nomination was made for Dan H to continue as Vice Chair of the committee. Dan accepted the nomination. A Motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Melissa to renew Dan as Vice Chair. Unanimous YES.
- d. Charlene's term is up as Chair. A nomination was made for Charleen to continue as Chair. Charleen, while not present has expressed interest in continuing as Chair. A motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Dan to renew Charleen as Chair. Unanimous YES.
- e. A nomination was made for Jesse to become secretary of the committee. Jesse accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Sam, seconded by Dan to make Jesse the new secretary. Unanimous YES.