

HARTFORD PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

November 16, 2023, 5:35 pm *Meeting called to order by* David M. Crocco Jr.

Commission Members In Attendance

Nikki Boyle, Brett Mayfield, Tom McCleary, David M. Crocco Jr.

Commission Members Absent

Allison Childs

Others in Attendance

Mary Erdei, Selectboard Liaison, Scott Hausler, Director

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brett Mayfield_____. Seconded by: Nikki Boyle_____

In Favor all_____ Opposed none_____

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? Approved_____

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

See attached report. Scott reported that leak in refrigeration loop of ice rink at WABA had been repaired. Rink is currently in good working order. The arena is well booked with reservations. Winter programs are underway. Maxfield field used for Senior Soccer event. The Halloween, Trunk or Treat event went very well with over 1,200 trick or treat attendees. The concrete pad, footings for the World War I and II monuments to be located in Veterans Park, has been poured and is in place. After school programs up and running with an outdoor cooking event done in the Lyman Point area. Also, up, and running, card club and improv club. There is an appeal for volunteers for the Polar Express event coming up in December. The perpetrator(s) of "doughnutting" damage to the turf field at Watson Park were discovered and decision on restitution forthcoming. An automatic gate at top of hill, Kilowatt South, is operational for traffic control to the dam area.

Old Business

Motion made by Brett Mayfield and seconded by Nikki Boyle to approve proposed community center survey questions. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Scott said Park and Recreation signs to be replaced. Signs will be made of plastic; they will have a white background. Copies of the new sign design, showing dimensions and configuration were provided to commission members. Scott said new signs will probably all be in place within the next 2 or 3 years.

Scott handed out 15 pages of materials to commission members covering Town of Hartford's Parks & Recreation programs and budget information. Handouts provided numerous statistics on participation rates of various programs to include: the Sherman Manning Aquatic Facility, classes, the WABA Arena, number of volunteer hours, etc.. Scott highlighted that Pickle Ball remains the highest for participation rate of P&R sponsored events. Scott reviewed the P&R budget and provided details on the budgeting process.

Five thousand dollars was put into the Hanson Scholarship fund.

Scott mentioned that a meeting for discussing and getting public input into a project to make improvements to the Lyman Point playground and picnic area will take place Monday night November 20th. Scott mentioned that 100K is available to hire a landscape architect to do the design work on this project.

Scott said he has been in discussions with various school administrators, social workers, and stakeholders on a Community Center for the Town of Hartford, including the Town of Hartford School Superintendent, Tom DeBalsi. Also, other towns in Vermont who have community centers or are proposing them should be consulted, such as the town of Colchester, Vermont, which recently broke ground for their community center.

Scott and Dave will discuss further on refining community center survey questions and limit the number of questions to 10.

Next Meeting

December 14 @ 5pm, Municipal building

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Brett Mayfield

Seconded by: Nikki Boyle

All in Favor: All

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at: 7:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Thomas McCleary

Date: 11/17/2023

Hartford Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Chair: David M. Crocco Jr. (7/25/2024)

Vice Chair: Allison Childs (04/04/2025)

Clerk: Tom McCleary (03/08/2024)

Member: Brett Mayfield (05/16/2025)

Member: Nikki Boyle (04/04/2025)

Vacant: (2 position)