

HARTFORD PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

12/08/22 5:05 pm | Meeting called to order by Brett Mayfield

Commission Members In Attendance

Chair: Brett Mayfield (05/16/2025)

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

Clerk: Tom McCleary (03/08/2024)

Member: Allison Childs (04/04/2025)

Commission Members Absent

Member: Michael Vanesse (05/02/2025), Member: Nikki Boyle (04/04/2025)

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Director, Mary Erdei, Selectboard Liaison

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by: David Crocco _____ . Seconded by: Tom McCleary _____

In Favor 4 Opposed 0

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? approved

Citizen Comments

none

Commission Member Comments

none

Directors Report

Scott briefly summarized activities for the month: youth basketball started, 160+ kids participating.

Maxfield sports complex closed for season. A scoreboard is being installed at the complex.

A picture, of the Hanson family (of the Hanson Family Youth Scholarship Fund), was taken. The Hanson Family generously donated \$350 to get over \$10,000 dollar contributions.

The Parks and Recreation Department staff are running the Polar Express. Train will be running this weekend all day Saturday and Sunday. There will be three passenger cars in the train. Brett Mayfield said Rotary Club is still in need of 50 volunteers to fully staff the train. You can volunteer by going to Polarexpresshartfordvermont.com to register.

*See attached Director's report for complete summary

Old Business

Motion by David Crocco to approve the Marketing and Community Relations Plan and the ADA Transition Plan. The motion was seconded by Tom McCleary and approved by everyone.

There was a discussion on possible changes in Parks and Recreation ordinances relative to cannabis use in town's parks (see New Business in November's minutes, presentation by members of the Hartford Community Coalition).

A motion was made by David Crocco to support the idea of updating the ordinance to include cannabis and smokeless tobacco but hold off on making specific changes until review from Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

Tom McCleary brought up that it was briefly mentioned at Monday's December 5th meeting of the town's Conservation Commission about a possible project to enhance the riparian buffer zone between Lyman Point Park and the White River. Scott spoke of how there is a separation between Municipal Building side of the river and the downtown area. He said the trees blocking views could be attended to; pruning and raising the tree canopy to improve views.

There is a meeting Monday, December 12th of members of Tree Board and Conservation Commission to further discuss this matter. There is grant money available for doing this work.

Next Meeting

January 12th at 5 pm. Municipal Building.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: David M. Crocco Jr.

Seconded by:

All in Favor: Brett Mayfield, David M. Crocco Jr, Tom McCleary, Allison Childs

Opposed: none

Respectfully submitted by: Thomas McCleary

Signature

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Vacant: (1 position)