

HARTFORD PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

March 9, 2023, 5:03 pm |

Commission Members in Attendance

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

Commission Members Absent

Allison Childs

Others in Attendance

Mary Erdei, Select Board Liaison, Scott Hausler, Director

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by _____ Nikki Boyle _____. Seconded by: _____ Mike Vanasse _____

In Favor _____ unanimous _____ Opposed _____

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? The motion was to approve minutes as amended. _____

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

Brett Mayfield said how he has received comments from the public on how the Recreation Department shouldn't be pushing for ordinances on tobacco and marijuana use in town parks. It should be more up to other departments of town government. The Recreation Department, however, should give input into this matter.

Directors Report

Scott submitted his Parks & Recreation Department Significant Activity Report dated February 17th, 2023 (see report)

Old Business

There was discussion about the Town of Hartford's leash law and how some dog owners ignore the law. Brett Mayfield, as a public health official is aware of problems with dogs attacking other dogs and sometimes people. Enforcement must come from law enforcement officials. Scott mentioned about police possibly handing out a card to violators explaining that dogs must be kept on a leash in town, except at designated dog park and other places where unleashing dogs are allowed.

Scott intends to post something to listserv and a flyer letting people know about the leash law and that dog owners must clean-up their dog's excrement in public places.

Brett Mayfield made motion to accept the town's ordinance on tobacco and marijuana in parks, as amended. Nikki Boyle seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The Recreation Center was discussed. Scott mentioned he had a talk with Emily from Hartford Community Coalition (HCC). He received good input from Emily about ideas for a Recreation Center and would continue seeking her input. It was brought up about possible existing space that could possibly be used. Mentioned that spaces for youth in past might have not seemed welcoming to all youth, "to cliquey".

David Crocco mentioned that the Recreation Commission should do a review making edits, additions to a Recreation Center survey questionnaire before it went out for more general solicitations to the public for input. Scott mentioned about pool questionnaire, as example. Some talk about the Wendall A. Barwood Arena as a place for the indoor market as 67.29% of responders in latest survey questionnaire for a community center thought it a good idea.

Scott suggested making as a goal to get names of 100 different individuals or companies who would be seriously interested in seeing a community center come to fruition. Brett Mayfield said important to stir up interest in community center with Quechee residents.

Scott gave "homework assignment" for commission members to come up with 5 names of people who would be interested in promoting a community center.

New Business

Scott reviewed documents passed out at meeting: Hartford, VT Parks & Recreation Department Risk Management Manual, Hartford, VT Parks & Recreation Department Emergency Action Plan (EAP) – Outdoor Pool, Hartford, VT Parks & Recreation Department 2022 Department Goals & Objectives Town Master Plan Goals Strategies & Actions. With the Risk Management Manual, Scott briefly covered the contents of this document. The goal is to tailor these documents to fit the Town of Hartford's particular situation and way of doing things. There are certain criteria that have to be met for certification. Scott explained that the Recreation Department staff is reviewing each of these documents to make suggestions, deletions, additions, edits, etc.

Within the Risk Management Manual one possible change discussed: portions addressing COVID-19 or other infectious disease could be updated, specifically re-opening operations after and epidemic.

David Crocco suggested tracking review of each of these documents for a record of when last reviewed. Possible follow-up item.

Committee members should review Goals and Objectives for the next committee meeting.

Next Meeting

April 13, 2023, 5 pm, Town of Hartford Municipal Building

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:

Brett Mayfield

Seconded by:

Nikki Boyle

All in Favor:

unanimous

Opposed:

Respectfully submitted by:

Thomas McCleary

Date:

3/9/2023

Signed by: _____

Hartford Parks & Recreation Commission Members

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)

Member: Nikki Boyle (04/04/2025)

Member: Michael Vanesse (05/02/2025)

Vacant: (1 position)