



**Milford Parks and Recreation Commission
November 8, 2023**

Minutes

Members: Paul Bartolomucci, Karen Desjardins, Kierstyn Williamson, Zachary Williamson, Patricia Nickerson, Bethany Haerinck, Stacey Cusack

Non-Members: Arene Berry, Krista Deveau

Chairman Zach opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Appointments:

Patty Kenyon – Community Garden

Patty expressed interest in creating a community garden in Milford for residents, and had looked at both Kaylee and Osgood Parks as potential locations.

Arene was able to advise Patty that Milford does have one existing community garden at SHARE, but that it has been mostly dormant since the pandemic. The existing space at SHARE offers the space and water access that is required, with no obligation to give back to the program in exchange for use of the space. Patty will follow up with SHARE and reach out to the commission in the future if needed.

Director's Report:

Revolving fund balance as of 11/8/23 = \$66,295.08.

Arene presented the 2024 revolving fund budget proposal. A motion was made by Paul to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Stacey. All voted in favor.

Sponsors were recognized and thanked: Xfinity, Arthur Keyes Memorial Trust, Humana, New England Property Maintenance, Bar Harbor Bank, Fearless Youth Ministries, Jay Steel LLC, John & Lisa Murphy, and Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #40.

Discussion:

Ice Rink Setup – date set for Saturday, 11/18/23 @ 8:30 AM.

Holiday lunch pick up will be Paul and Bethany.

Breakfast with Santa – volunteers still needed. Email will come out shortly.

Volunteer appreciation lunch – invitations were distributed. The date for the lunch is 1/24/24 (with 1/31/23 being a snow date). It was agreed to move the date to later in January this year in hopes of increasing attendance.

Plaques for sponsors was discussed as a way of recognizing and extending our thanks to the sponsors. Zach made a motion to set allocate \$500 for plaques, Paul seconded, and all voted in favor.

NYC Trip – on 12/30/23. Krista Deveau will attend, and one volunteer from the commission will serve as a representative and support for Krista on the trip.

Zach made a motion to approve a potential loss of \$1,000 for this trip, Bethany seconded, and all voted in favor. The was done to promote the trip and hopefully increase interest and attendance the following year.

Apparel for Members – Options for shirts were presented to members of the commission and orders will be taken over the next two weeks. Please make checks out to Milford Recreation Department for your purchase, and submit orders via email to Arene.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from both the September 13th and October 11th meetings were approved as written. All voted in favor.

PetSafe Unleashed Dog Park Contest – Please continue to vote until 11/30/23. Daily reminders have been posted to the Milford Recreation Department Facebook page.

Next meeting will be December 13, 2023. No conflicts were raised.

Adjourned: 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Haerinck