



## Stratham Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2019

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Stratham Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00pm on May 15, 2019 in the Stratham Municipal Center by Jeff.

### Present Members

Seth Hickey, Tracy Abbott, Frank Lasorsa, Jeff Simeone, Brian DeKoning, Sean Burke, Sean Kotkowski

### Absent Members

Joe Lovejoy, April Mason

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### Open Issues

- Budget Review of General Fund and Recreation Revolving Accounts
  - Nothing abnormal reported
  - Exeter will be cutting a check to Recreation Commission for Food Truck Festival
- Food Truck Festival
  - 4,000+ people attended
  - Feedback was generally positive and planning is already underway for next year's event.
  - Overall considered a huge success
- Town Recreation Survey
  - 460 responses to date
  - Information will be packaged up to include in the Town Master Plan
- Youth Sports
  - Baseball/Softball
    - Weather has been a struggle this season (lots of rain after late start)
    - Fields have been working out fine with SHP upper field unusable
    - Has been some issues reported around umpires, so conversations are happening about how to make improvements
- Park Projects
  - Liberty Mutual Volunteer Days
    - Helped with setup for the food truck festival
    - Painted various structures around the park
    - Always a success
  - Family Fun Day
    - Currently looking at dates with the PTO for early October
  - Take a Kid Mountain Biking day
    - Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
    - 400 – 500 kids expected
  - Stratham Fair
    - Seth meeting with the Stratham Fair team to discuss plans

- First night of the fair (Thursday) will include a food truck aisle
- Races at the Park
  - 2 foot races with roughly 65 people entered
  - An additional 3 more-foot races being scheduled
  - To date there are no injuries or lost people on trails
  - Mountain Bike races start after the fair
- Summer Camp
  - All Full
  - Currently working on hiring staff
- Community Trips
  - Norwich Vermont trip for King Arthur Fair is full
  - Allison Knab, Selectwoman, has been appointed to discuss future transportation needs
- Recreation Positions
  - Jeff Simeone up for new 3-year term
    - Brian motioned to approve
    - Frank seconded
    - Passed unanimously
  - Brian DeKoning appointed to Recreation Commission
    - Sean Burke motioned to approve
    - Frank seconded
    - Passed unanimously
  - Sean Burke to be made full-time member of Recreation Commission
    - Jeff made motion to approve
    - Brian seconded
    - Passed unanimously

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm by Jeff. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on July 17th, at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Simeone