

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 14th 2023

- I. At 7:06pm Kate opened the meeting.
- II. Members in attendance- Kate Dardinski, Rebecca Waltz, Jessie Hook, Ryan Guerette, Brent Scott
Guests- Seth Hickey Parks and Recreation Director
Absent- Allison Knab
- III. Consideration of minutes from previous meetings.
The minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Brent motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.
- IV. Ryan discussed the primary August expenses which were soccer uniforms. Seth gave update of Rec Revolving Fund balance.
- V. Report of Stratham Parks and Recreation Director
Senior Programing-Activities and classes going well. Mt Washington cruise sold out, Magic of Christmas trip and Portsmouth Music Hall activities are almost sold out.
Youth Sports-Soccer has started, last day Oct 28th.
20th Annual Golf Tournament for Baseball scheduled for Sept 29th.
Baseball committee will be coming to October Recreation Commission meeting.
TMAC-Memo has been drafted regarding the management of dogs at the network.
Public outreach scheduled for Sept 24th at Stratham Hill Park.
Park Association-Next meeting is end of September.
Stratham Hill Park-Baseball field work in preparation for spring 2024 season. Long term maintenance plan for pump track.
Stevens Park-Tests pits need to be conducted.
Programing-
Fall Programing-Speaking with local wilderness education programs.
Winter Programing-Ski program registration is for 7-12th grade SAU 16 students and is half full.
Food Trucks on Thursdays nights at SHP-Last Thursday night is October 12th. Response has been great, vendors happy.

- VI. Old business
Department staffing -Still accepting application for the part time Program Assistant.
Working with Finance Department and Recreation Commission to develop a formula for reimbursement to the general fund for a percentage of the Program Coordinator position.
- VII. New business
Passenger vehicle- Review Seth's proposal that will be distributed to the Select Board. A passenger vehicle would enable a wider variety of local senior trips. It could also be utilized to expand activities for older Stratham youth.
Pickle ball Survey-Brent reviewed the results of the survey. It was determined the next steps would be having an information session with Stratham residents interested in joining a committee.
Pickleball nets-Ryan motioned to approve up to \$5000 for the purchase of two Douglas pickleball nets. Jessie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.
- VII. At 7:54 Kate motioned to adjourn the meeting, Brent seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting Thursday October 12th 7pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.