

HARTFORD PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

Commission Members In Attendance

Allison Childs, David M. Crocco Jr., Tom McCleary, Joseph Denny, Brett Mayfield, Nikki Boyle

December 12, 2024, 5:15 pm

Commission Members Absent

None

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Director, Mary Erdei, Selectboard Liaison

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brett Mayfield_____ Seconded by: Allison Childs_____

In Favor _____ all _____ Opposed _____

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? _____ Approved _____

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

Brett Mayfield – spoke about the Hartford Resiliency Building Committee’s discussion on a Town of Hartford Community Building. Brett said there was wide support among the members of this committee for the construction of a Community Building. He said there will be a report coming out about a Community Building from the company/firm that was contracted with to develop a plan for such a building.

Mary Erdei spoke about a Conservation Commission members speaking to the housing shortage issue in Vermont.

Directors Report

See Directors Report - Scott and staff are diligently working to renew the Town of Hartford, Parks and Recreation department’s accreditation. There is a lot to complete in this process towards accreditation. For example, providing proof that the things you said you were going to do were actually done. The deadline for accreditation is January 15, 2025.

Scott said Town departments were asked to make cuts to their budget requests for upcoming year. Scott said he hoped to make cuts to equipment purchase requests and not to programs.

The annual Polar Express is this weekend (12/13-12/15). And there are enough volunteers for this event. Staff has been busy decorating the Norwich train station for this event.

Light-up Hartford, Christmas decorating competition, has been called off this year, due to lack of participation. The youth basketball programs are very busy with many participants. Futsal is also off to a great start and so is Ultimate Frisbee.

Old Business

Community Recreation Center survey – Scott reported roughly 150 surveys have been received. Scott discussed the need for a response from at least 10% of the Town's residents for the survey to be valid. He thought the number of surveys received should be around 400.

Needle boxes – Brett said the needle boxes have been ordered, but not yet received. The needle boxes will be temporarily stored in the WABA storage areas when they are received. Boxes will be permanently installed at the band stand or portable toilet in Lyman Park and at Kilowatt field portable toilet sometime next year.

Scott continues to consult with Park Architecture on a new Lyman Point Park play area. Scott spoke to making sure the project is "community driven" this time around. He said there will be kick-off meetings to present the plan to the community.

New Business

Nikki Boyle made a motion to approve the Marketing and Community Relations Plan. The motion was seconded by Brett Mayfield. A vote was made and all approved.

At 5:50 pm Scott gave Commission members a tour of the WABA facility.

Dave reminded everyone that January's meeting will include the election of officers for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Next Meeting

Next meeting January 9, 5 pm.

Adjourn

6:14 pm meeting adjourned

All in Favor

Respectfully submitted by: Thomas McCleary



Date: 12/12/2024

Hartford Parks & Recreation Commission Members

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

Vice Chair: Allison Childs (04/04/2025)

Clerk: Tom McCleary (03/08/2024)

Member: Brett Mayfield (05/16/2025)

Member: Nikki Boyle (04/04/2025)

Member: Joseph Denny