

Town of Grand Isle

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

When: Thursday, October 12th 2023 - 6:30 PM

Where: Town Office

- Call to Order **6:44 PM**
- Attendees (Committee Members / Guests) **Members - Shirley Mora, Lindsay Lundquist, Emily S.J. White, Roth Perry / Guests - Dahan Mohamed, Sadhvi Sokoloff, Norm Benoit**
- Review and approve prior minutes **Approved**
- Amend agenda for items not listed **None**
- Guest Business - Interest has been expressed from the community about upgrading Mary Crest Beach. Chair suggests making a sub-committee of community members headed by Emily? **General discussion about Marycrest beach with the guests. Talked about who was responsible for what. The Rec Committee currently is able to help with incremental improvements (e.g. trash can, trash disposal, designated swim area) and larger scale projects would need to start with the planning commission. Norm and Dahan were generally interested in the larger scale type improvements and Sadhvi expressed interest in incremental improvements. Roth to create a contact list for all community members who have expressed interest in Marycrest.**
- Old Business
 - Oaths ready for signature - Jaime? Erin? **Absent**
 - IPA
 - Spring Chipping Project **No action taken**
 - Bocce
 - Spring Picnic Table Project **No action taken**
 - Existing Shed - Roth cleanout day coming. **Noted**
 - Park Ranger job - Resume discussion in the Spring. Perhaps part of the Mary Crest discussion. **Noted**
 - Budget - FY25 Budget Request to the Selectboard due by Monday Nov 6th. Emily to help Roth with the final numbers? **Yes, Roth and Emily to start putting together a budget. Emily to get more detailed utility info from Melissa.** Erin up to date with program expense sheets? **Absent** What would we like to request? **Expecting to ask for a larger amount as programming has increased this past year.**
 - Donaldson Upkeep During the Summer - (Lawn Mowing / Electricity / Security Cameras / Trash Cans / MOU with highway dept / Tree clearing / Portable Toilets) Wifi info signs to be made for 2024. **Noted**
 - Mowing seems to be getting done around the park. **Noted**
 - Cameras - Roth to locate with the shed cleanout. **Noted**

- Donaldson Park Master Plan - Winter Project **Emily mentioned that new VOREC funding applications are open.**
- Adult Fall Slow Pitch Softball. Fall season wrapping up. Good reports, people asking for a winter activity. **Noted**
- Portable PA System - Bose S1 Pro battery powered w/ Mic has arrived. \$708 w/ wireless Mic Adapter. **Noted**
- Designated Swim Area - Part of the new sub-committee, see Guest business.
- Travel Soccer - Season going well, competition is good. The U10 group has struggled some as this is most of their first time playing competitive games. **Noted**
- Rec Soccer wrapping up this Sunday. **Noted**
- Fall Festival on September 10/15. Last minute tasks? **Final coordination for the day of between Shirley, Emily, and Roth. Roth to pickup donated hay and pumpkins. Emily to arrive early the day of to coordinate locations. Shirley to have final communication with vendors.**
- Ski Program Pricing? **Lindsay provided detailed pricing from both Smugglers and Bolton. Smugglers was only able to provide 3 days of lessons this season. Bolton required 5 days. Decided to run the programs by Ashley Hanlon (GI School Principal) to see which program she preferred as the Rec Committee partners with the school for this endeavor.**
- Trunk or Treat - What do we need? **Jaime and Erin to finish coordinating**
- Winter Calcutta **Tabled until next meeting**

- New Business
 - Basketball Programs
 - Rec - Team up w/ South Hero (do we want to include pre-k - k? South Hero typically doesn't so we would need to provide coaches if we do.) **Decided to not include pre-K K this year. Signups have been created with times and locations TBD. Emily will create a Canva Poster.**
 - Travel - There is enough interest for one 4/5/6 boys team with players from GI, SH, & NH. **Signups have been created.**

- Confirm next meeting date/time - November 9th, 2023 at 6:30 PM **Noted**
- Shirley to provide friendly reminders a couple weeks before then. **Noted**

- Adjourn **7:38 PM**