

Hancock Recreation Minutes

August 17, 2016

In Attendance: Emily and Scott Daniels, Kristen Bernier, Kristin Harris, Cameron Dexter

Absent: Dan Harper

Meeting Commenced at 6:30 and Adjourned at 8:30pm

Welcome Cameron Dexter! Our newest recreation committee member.

Determined which relay games we would facilitate for Old Home Day for the Kid Games from 1:00-2:00.

Brainstorming Session: What do we hope to accomplish together?

INFRASTRUCTURE: Maintenance and Improvement

The committee would like to maximize the capacity and the value of physical recreation assets in town. Members see high quality, well maintained, up to date infrastructure as vital to attracting and keeping families and younger people (e.g. How many times have you driven to Peterborough to take your kid to the Adams Playground or Adams Pool?). We lack assets or programs that other towns possess (Peterborough, Antrim, Frankestown, Dublin, etc.).

Moose Brook Park (Improvement): Potential Priorities

- Finish and connect the multi-purpose trail from HES to Moose Brook Park
- Create a connected walking trail accessible in town (HES, Moose Brook Park, back side of Norway Pond)?
- Do "something" with the dirt pile at Moose Brook Park
 - Volleyball Court?
 - Skateboard Park?
 - Natural Playground?
 - Beautify appearance of park?
 - Concession stand?
 - Seasonal Ice Rink?
- Beautify the appearance of Moose Brook Park

Moose Brook Park (Maintenance)

What is the role of the recreation committee in maintaining existing assets?

- Tennis Courts (sealing)
- Baseball Field
- Soccer Fields
- Basketball Court at HES

Norway Pond

- Identify funding in order to purchase new raft (still does not float properly) and docks for waterfront for summer of 2017
- Identify other areas of concern/need for improvement (e.g. geese, water quality, etc.)

Other

- ❑ Sidewalk that connects Main Street to Prospect Hill to encourage adults and children to walk/bike into town.

PROGRAMS

Members of the committee would like to see an increase in programming - across ages. Members expressed a desire to partner more with the Hancock Depot, the Hancock Inn, the Conval School District, the Hancock Library, the Harris Center, for the purposes of improving program development and attendance. Ideas for programs and partnership opportunities included:

- Hancock Depot (Halloween Haunted House, Model Train Exhibit, Cabaret Nights, Christmas Dinner for children)
- Senior Programming (e.g. Pickleball, Croquet, Weekly Hancock Trail Walking Club,)
- Sports for Kids (Do we or how do we bring back soccer, baseball, etc. for Hancock kids?)
- Zumba
- Summer Recreation Camp re-vamp (e.g. half day program needs to become full day program. Look at Dublin Elementary School model. Elliot Pellitier lead teacher. \$175.00 for 8 weeks, 8:30-3:00 at DES.)
- Access to HES, why has this been a historic barrier for programming? Isn't the case for other towns (e.g. PES, AES, DES, etc.). Meeting with Amy Janoch? Kimberly Saunders?

Other Discussion

- Need another stakeholder (besides Dan) to represent 60+ living in the community
- Will create a petition in support of replacing the raft/docks at the waterfront
- Attend a Select Board Meeting in September/early October to share our future vision and ask for their support
- Talk with Marcia and Jarvis Coffin to determine if having our regularly scheduled meetings in the Webster room works for them
- Would like to continue having future meetings at the Hancock Inn

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st 6:30-8:00