

## **Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes October 8, 2019**

**Members Present:** Melissa Staiti, Lisa Post, Rob Owens, Robin Grady, Erin Bradbury  
**Others Present:** Denise Morano, Recreation Director  
Teresa Brown, Recording Secretary

Melissa Staiti called the Recreation Committee meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Motion made by Lisa Post to accept the minutes of April 9, 2019, seconded by Robin Grady. Vote 3-0, 2-Abstained

### **Director's Report:**

**Summer** – Detailed information about the 2019 summer programs is included. More than 37,600 people visited the pools, the average daily attendance was 546. Class revenue increased by \$4500.00, the All Day Program saw an increase of \$5600.00 because of an extra week that was added due to the lack of snow days. The resident pool passes and nanny passes remained consistent but the non-resident passes saw a decrease of \$3750.00. There was an increase of \$11800.00 in the day pass, splash party and snack bar revenue. The total revenue increased by almost \$19500.00 over the summer of 2018.

The summer staff did a fabulous job! They were attentive, engaged and enthusiastic with the children. Denise received numerous compliments from parents about the way the staff handled their responsibilities.

The main drain covers in the lap pool and the hardware on the cover in the family pool were replaced prior to the start of the season. We are now in compliance with Virginia Graeme Baker Act for 10 years. The pools were covered at the end of August.

**Before and After School** - Dawson and Davis Hill reached maximum capacity in both the Before and After school programs. Mayo is at capacity in the Before school program and has 46 enrolled in the After school. We did registrations in early July a separate day for each school, everything worked out well.

**Adult Classes** – The following list of classes are beginning in either September and/or October: Butts & Guts; Burlap Wreath; CCYO; Financial Planning; Gentle Hatha Yoga; Hatha Yoga; Men's Basketball; Women's Volleyball (has a new leader, started at the end of September), and Yoga with Meditation and Reiki (new). Most classes are held in either 6 or 8 week sessions with the exception of basketball and volleyball, they are drop in.

**Children's Classes** – Babysitter's Training 3 classes have been scheduled and are all filled; Karate (new) 9 enrolled; Kid's Yoga "Let's Play"; Kid's cake decorating.

**Miscellaneous:** Two courts were painted and seal-coated with both tennis lines and Pickleball lines at Dawson Rec. at the end of April. Adults have been playing Pickleball on Tuesday evenings since the beginning of May. There are usually 14–24 in attendance. The cost to play is \$3.00 per night or \$35.00 for the season which will end sometime at the end of October when the weather changes. Due to the triple E threat the lights have been turned off at the Dawson Rec. Last week, the remaining tennis courts were seal-coated and painted, and 2 more courts were lined for Pickleball. Denise has been drawing the lines with chalk every week on the 2 additional courts. The basketball courts were also seal-coated and painted.

Denise released all the fields for play on August 26. Mayo fields were off line for the spring and summer to address the wet issue and the over-used conditions. There were broken irrigation lines that had to be dug up and replaced. A lot of attention in June was paid to deep tine aeration, topdressing with topdressing sand, cross slice seeding with athletic blend seed and applying limestone. In August both field received topdressing sand and seed. Bob Bradway of Diamond Athletic Turf and the Building and Grounds crew did a great job!

The licenser for the Department of Early Education and Care made unannounced visits to all 3 elementary schools in September to review and check for any non-compliances with our Before and After

School Programs. Denise is very pleased to announce that every school passed the inspections without having any non-compliances. This is a tremendous effort and Denise appreciates all the hard work that the staff puts into these programs.

Denise, Selectman Renzoni and Town Manager Peter Lukes met with the Civics teacher at Wachusett. She is interested in having her class plan and raise money to build an inclusive playground. They sat in on 2 classes while the students discussed the preferred sites, Light Department, Dawson Rec, Eagle Lake and Kimball Park. Out of the four the Light department appears to be the more favorable one.

Denise has spoken with Santa and he is scheduled to arrive in Holden on Saturday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m. All supplies have been purchased, enough to fill 350 “goodie bags”.

Motion made by Melissa Staiti, seconded by Erin Bradbury to adjourn at 7:50.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Brown, Sr. Clerk

**Holden Recreation Committee**

**November 12, 2019**