

Falls Village Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday March 10th, 2021, at 7:00pm  
ZOOM Meeting ID: 858 8400 2451

A regular meeting of the Falls Village Recreation Commission was held on this date via ZOOM and called to order at 7:04 pm by Emily Peterson. In attendance: Commissioners Susan Allen, Dan Carr, Daipai Horace, Melissa Lopes, John Morrissey, Ted Moy. Absent: Thom Wilson

**Old Business:**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the February 10th meeting. John Morrissey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan Carr updated the Commission on the success of the 2021 LHK Ski Club. Dan made suggestions for next year and requested help for 2022 paperwork preparation and collection.

**New Business:**

Emily Peterson spoke with the Selectmen and our town's Emergency Management Director and were able to determine a plan for a Covid-19 safe Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Egg Hunt will be March 27th. Sign-up information for the public will be posted on the Community Calendar and the FV Rec Commission FB Page. Plastic Eggs will be purchased, if needed. Easter candy will be purchased and stuffed into the plastic eggs prior to the event. Susan Allen will go to Lee H Kellogg School to determine if there is signage at the playground. Emily Peterson will contact the 8th grade class supervisor to request student volunteers.

Emily Peterson met with other town recreation directors to discuss spring baseball for the region. Before moving forward, Emily Peterson will talk with the Selectmen and the town's Emergency Management Director to get direction and thoughts regarding the possibility of offering this program through the Falls Village Recreation Commission.

The Commission reviewed and approved the 2021-2022 budget needs including salaries for summer programs, and other necessities (pool and playground maintenance). 2020-21 spending has been conservative due to Covid-19 restrictions on social gatherings. John Morrissey will submit the budget request to the Selectman following this meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Emily Peterson spoke with Felicia Jones, the town's Economic Development Director about necessary improvements for the pool property. Emily presented to the Commission a proposal (including project budget) for the town pool property. Felicia Jones will help the Recreation Commission submit the improvement project proposal and budget to Sustainable CT. If the project is approved, Sustainable CT will match half of the money that the Commission fundraises. Local gardener, Page Dickey has agreed to meet with Susan Allen and Emily Peterson at the pool property to discuss the landscaping. Before moving forward with the project, Commissioners have requested a ZOOM meeting with Felicia Jones to answer any questions.

**Other Business:**

Daipai Horace is excited for outdoor weather and the possibility of having a multi-sport program and will look into details and provide information to the commission by email or the next meeting.

Melissa Lopes reminded the commission that many of the lifeguards that were on staff during 2020 last year may no longer be certified due to Covid-19 restrictions. Melissa Lopes requested a copy of the expense report to date

to determine whether or not it was possible for the Recreation Commission to host a recertification class or to pay for lifeguard recertifications.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 14th, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Lopes