

Falls Village Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 7:00 PM
Falls Village Town Hall
108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031

A meeting of the Falls Village Recreation Commission was held in person on this date and called to order at 7:04 pm by Dan Carr. In attendance: Co-Chairmen: Dan Carr and Ted Moy, Commissioners: Daipai Horace, Melissa Lopes, and Thomas Wilson, Director: Emily Peterson Guests: Patricia Mechare, Theresa Graney, First Selectman Henry Todd, Doug Cohen Absent: Dan Glass

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- 1. FVRC Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023:** MOTION by Ted Moy, seconded by Thomas Wilson, to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023, as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Community Dance Night:** Both Theresa Graney and Patricia Mechare attended the meeting to explain the policies and procedures for public usage of the Falls Village Senior Center due to recent request to have a community dance night.
- 3. Winter Use of Recreation Center Property:** First Selectman Henry Todd reported that the Recreation Center property is not insured for unsupervised sledding or other dangerous activities and per the information provided by a contact at CIRMA, adding coverage of such use would be costly. An estimated cost was not provided. Henry went on to indicate that should the Recreation Commission desire to expand upon the use of the property, the difference in cost would need to be allocated from the Recreation Commission annual budget. The selectman advised that in general, use of the property for safe activities should have no impact on liability and would be permissible. When an event or activity held is considered dangerous, liability is higher and cost to insure is higher. At the request of the commission, First Selectman Henry Todd will look into the cost of insuring the property for unsupervised sledding as well as for one-time commission sponsored and supervised sledding events.
- 4. Ski Club:** Ski Club was a success. (Dates for 2023 Ski Club...January 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th) No make up date was needed. SWASA Grant money was received and used. Cost for next year needs (bussing, rentals and lessons) to be reviewed. Commission discussed researching and requesting additional scholarships to cover costs for 2024 Ski Season.

New Business:

- 1 Pickleball: Commission is interested in providing more recreation for the town. Doug Cohn was invited to discuss his experience** and provided the commission information regarding the game, court information and current club that he is involved with.
- 2. Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** Date: Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 1st. (Rain Date April 8th) at 10 am. Details to be finalized at the March meeting.
- 3. Budget discussion, 2023-2024 fiscal year:** The commission reviewed current budget needs and anticipated needs for: (1) resurfacing the pool, (2) increasing winter programs expense (3) hiring new waterfront supervisor and hiring new creative kids club and lifeguards, (4) adding two new expense lines (unexpected expenses and additional

insurance). MOTION by Thom Wilson, seconded by Ted Moy to approve the 2023-2024 expense budget as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th , 2023.

Respectfully Submitted, Melissa Lopes, Secretary