

Falls Village Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 11th, 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 7:10 pm by Dan Carr. **In attendance:** Dan Carr & Ted Moy (Co-Chairmen), Lauren Killawee & Melissa Lopes (Commissioners), Emily Peterson (Director). Selectmen Greg Marlowe & Rachel Mills (Guests) **Absent:** Dan Glass (Commissioner).

Public Comment: Public comment made.

Old Business

1. **FVRC Meeting Minutes of September 13th, 2023:** MOTION by Ted Moy, seconded by Melissa Lopes to receive and approve the Meeting Minutes of September 13th, 2023, as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **New Memberships for Commission:** Members received an email from BOS clarifying the terms of commissioners. Town ordinance says nommission needs seven (7) members and one alternate member, term length is three (3) years. There are five (5) current members - with two terms expiring each on November 30, 2023. BOS also sent clarification of the length of term of Director. (One (1) year paid by town). Need for commission members is posted on the Town Website.

MOTION by Dan Carr to recommend the rehire of Emily Peterson as Director of the Recreation Commission for one (1) year starting on December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. Seconded by Lauren Killawee. Motion passed unanimously. Ted Moy will send a letter of endorsement to the Board of Selectmen for appointment before the next meeting.

MOTION by Ted Moy to recommend the reappointment of Dan Glass as member of the Recreation Commission for one (1) term. Seconded by Dan Carr. Motion passed unanimously. Ted Moy will send a letter of endorsement to the Board of Selectmen for appointment before the next meeting.

MOTION by Ted Moy to recommend the reappointment of Lauren Killawee as member of the Recreation Commission for one (1) term. Seconded by Melissa Lopes. Motion passed unanimously. Ted Moy will send a letter of endorsement to the Board of Selectmen for appointment before the next meeting.

Rachel Mills attended the meeting to find out about the Recreation Commission. More information will be sent to her following the meeting.

3. **Solar Field Involvement:** Both Dan Carr and Ted Moy were able to attend a tour of the Recreation Center with Selectman Greg Marlow and others to see the tentative location of the Solar Panel Field. Dan & Ted reported that other locations on the property are being considered.

New Business

1. **FVVFD Calendar Dinner Table, October 14th:** The Calendar Dinner is hosted by the Ladies Auxilary of the FVVFD as a fundraiser for scholarships to be given to high school seniors that are junior members of the FVVFD. Both Emily Peterson and Melissa Lopes will decorate a table at the fundraiser for the month of August.
2. **Falls Village Fall Festival, October 29th:** On the town green on Sunday, October 29th from 1 to 3 pm. If it rains - event will be held at the Center on Main. Hayrides, a petting zoo with HVRHS FFA, face painting, live music, crafts, vendors and more! This event is a project of the David M. Hunt Library and the Recreation Commission.

MOTION by Dan Carr to pay Birch Mill Farm up to \$200.00 for the hayride run at the Fall Festival. Seconded by Ted Moy. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Halloween, Tuesday October 31st: Families are invited to join the recreation commission for pizza and apple cider inside the Center on Main. There will be a costume parade down Main Street at 530PM. The Flyer has been posted on the town website, social media and posted at the post office, library and local businesses. Ted Moy will arrange for delivery of pizza and Dan Carr will arrange for apple cider to drink. Commissioners will set up for the Halloween Party at Center on Main the day before. For those that don't live downtown or on the surrounding roads, but still want to join in on the spooky fun, residents, families, local businesses and organizations are invited to participate in Trunk or Treat on Main Street. Halloween Trunk or Treat Information and sign up information has been posted on the town Website.

4. Survey: "The Future of the Recreation Center": Commission is working on a survey to make sure that the plan we pursue will meet the current and future recreational needs of this town, is informed by the desires of the residents of Falls Village. It is the desire of the Commission to start a Recreation Center Working Group to move this plan forward and make it happen. The survey will be posted on the town website once completed.

5. Co-Sponsor Guidelines: Tabled until next meeting.

6. Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration: The Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration will be on December 9th, This event will be held on the town green down town and hot cocoa and cookies will be offered to residents inside the Center on Main. Time still to be determined. Emily Peterson reminded the commissioners, that the search for "Santa's helper" had to be done now.

MOTION made by Melissa Lopes to hire Santa's Helper for the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration to be held on December 9th, 2023 for the amount of no more than \$200.00. by Ted Moy. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission also discussed the tree that needs to be purchased. Commission wonders if it is possible to have a local tree farm or company sponsor the tree. Think of the Rockefeller Christmas Tree!

7. Any other business to properly come before the Recreation Commission:

2024 Ski Club: It is already time to start planning 2024 Ski Club. Dan Carr has requested help in organizing scholarship requests and payment collection. Mohawk Mountain has taken care of electronic enrollment and completing forms though their website. Dan has suggested looking for grants to cover the cost of rentals and bussing and lessons.

8. Adjournment: There be no further business to discuss, MOTION by Dan Carr to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Seconded by Ted Moy. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Melissa Lopes, Secretary