

**Belgrade Board of Parks and Recreation**

**February 22, 2023**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Dan MacGlashing, Linda Bacon, Jamie Dionne, , Susan Bolduc, Jessica White

**Absent:** Aaron Palleschi, Jason Lindsay

**Public:** No members of the public were in attendance

**Minutes:** Susan made a motion to approve the January minutes which was seconded by Jessica and approved unanimously.

**Director Updates:**

Regular scheduled programs are going well. A few retired teachers are teaching cooking on Wednesdays at the Center. Pickleball had 12 players today (17 kids here too). Zumba may come back. Hazel Labbe's free balance class was well attended (both locations). There may be a Sail Maine instructor for this summer; they hired someone and have a second person lined up (6 kids for a half day for \$250/week). Ultimately, they would like to see us take it over. Boats have been donated. Sunshine Pools out of Jay will do the work that needs to be done on the pool to open it and regular maintenance. Farmington Rec is donating a lightly used pickleball net to us. Not sure where it will go yet. Signs and lowering of the speed limit were mentioned as being a priority.

**Comprehensive Planning:** Just met with committee. Discussed that many goals were very optimistic. For example, acquisition of the Camp Bomazeen beach would ideal, but the scouts are still using it and it would likely be pricy. Another priority was trails, but that didn't pan out due to low timber prices (Dana Doran, forester was involved) and changes in DACF grant requirements for funds to develop the parcel adjacent to the transfer station. Priority now should be overhauling the parks, adding structures over picnic tables, handicap accessibility at all parks, place to put pickleball courts in at the CFAS, for example. Goals need to be attainable. We need to take care of what we have now.

**Communication Improvements:** Communication of programs that the Rec program offers needs improvement as it is difficult to navigate to Rec activities on the website. What appears is so minimal that no one knows what is going on. Now that the town newsletter does not come out monthly as it once did, residents no longer get a monthly calendar included. A spring mailer that is the same as the website, would be great.

**Document Revisions:** Linda will put the document into Word as the '*PDF-Converted-To-Word*' document is unusable.

**Father-Daughter Dance:** This will resume. Sat April 15<sup>th</sup>, the first weekend of April vacation, was chosen.

**Student Volunteers:** MHS has a ton of students that haven't gotten in their 40 hours. Many are Seniors and need the hours to graduate. There are plenty of tasks to be done around Workman's Field, lots to be done at the Center. Dan will talk to Cory about tasks; he will also contact the guidance counselor, Kathy Pettingill (registrar at guidance office, [kpettingill@rsu18.org](mailto:kpettingill@rsu18.org)). Jamie will help compile a list to share.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The hunt will be April 8<sup>th</sup> as Easter is April 9<sup>th</sup>. Dan is looking at Oriental Trader for goodies to put in eggs. Dan will arrange for toys, candy, and door prize tickets in the eggs. Student volunteers can fill them.

**There were no items on which to vote.**

**Next Meeting:** March 29, 2023

**Remember Town Meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Homework:** review Comprehensive Plan section for Recreation and look over the Parks and Recreation Policies document.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM