

South Hadley Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2020
Recreation Department Office – Town Hall

Presented by Recreation Director Andrew Rogers

1. **Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 5:37pm by PD. Attendance: Ryan Kennedy (RK), Dave Mendoza (DM), Patrick Dawson (PD), Mark Zraunig (MZ), Laura Friesner (LF), Ben Sabbs (BS). Staff: Andy Rogers (AR). Excused: Byron Joy (BJ), Ray Carillon (RC), Brian Couture (BC)
2. **Minutes of December 10, 2019:** Approved as presented: BS/LF. 6-0.
3. **Bills Payable:** Approved as presented. MZ/RK. 6-0.
4. **Correspondence:** AR reviewed the correspondence from the previous month. Of note was the MESMS 8th grade class that is looking to do volunteer work. They had asked about the skate park at Buttery Brook; however, AR suggested they look at something different and has put them in touch with the Parks Dept and Conservation Commission.
5. **Schedule of Events:** AR reviewed the schedule of events from the past month. There was some discussion about a New York Yankees trip in May and whether we could sell out the bus that early in the season.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. The Sub-Committees were finalized, and members will be contacted when necessary. There can only be four members present, as anymore would require a posted meeting.
 - b. Pickleball has started on Friday nights and is drop-in play right now. We are trying to get people excited for this program.
 - c. The fireworks date was set for July 3, 2020 with a rain-date of July 5, 2020 (BS/MZ, 6-0).
 - d. DM gave an update on the Flag Day Parade, as this point, they are looking for approval from the Selectboard and various other groups for permission.
 - e. The online registrations and fee change seem to be going fine, and we have not heard any complaints at this time about the fee added for each transaction.
 - f. Everything appears to be status-quo for the winter sports currently. This is typically our most difficult season and to this point, things are going well.
 - g. MZ gave an update on the soccer association. They met and have developed some notes which he shared with the committee. The next meeting is Feb 12 at 6:30pm at SHHS and are looking for anybody that is interested. They are hoping to come up with a mission statement, rules and then have the Recreation Commission formally adopt this group at a future meeting.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. The Master Plan Questionnaire was reviewed. Nobody had completed it and it was noted some felt it was vague and did not apply to us in many cases. AR would seek clarification and his meeting he has scheduled with that committee. There was a vote to support the Open Space and Recreation Plan, which was approved 6-0 with an amendment to fix the pickleball/COA sentence as the pickleball courts would not be at the COA (MZ/RK 6-0).
 - b. The FY2021 budget was reviewed and AR noted that we could not include the fireworks in the budget. This would have to come through fundraising and donations.

- c. The draft of the annual report was presented. PD asked if we could include the approximate number of participants in our programs and AR said he would do that. It was approved as presented with this one addition. DM/MZ. 6-0.
 - d. Our future schedule will have Bill Simard from the Parks Dept at our February meeting, the new Soccer Association at the March meeting and hopefully the basketball programs in town at our April/May meeting.
8. **Adjournment** at 6:30pm. DM/LF. 5-0.