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Commission Members Present:

Ted Tocci: Chair, Mark Lane; Vice-chair, Roger Venden: Treasurer, Lyn Stan, Don Janik, Peter Robart, Pam Fitzgerald, Larry Smith, Todd Santora and Kristin Augusta. (10)

Absent:

Gary Martin (1)

Ted Tocci called the meeting to **order** at 7:00 p.m.

1. Review Minutes of March 2, 2015

Motion: Roger Venden moved to accept the March 30, 2015 minutes as written. Second: Mark Lane. Vote: Motion passed 5-0-3. Abstentions: Lyn Stan, Pam Fitzgerald and Larry Smith.

2. YER Year End Report

Ted Tocci reviewed an outline of the Parks and Recreation Commission programming and accomplishments that have benefitted the town of Hampton Falls between May 19, 2014 and May 20, 2015. We are eleven commission members. Volunteers are always welcome.

Kristin Augusta and Todd Santora arrived to the meeting at 7:06 p.m. (10)

3. Commission Reorganization

A. Election of Officers

Motion: Larry Smith moved to nominate Ted Tocci as Board Chair. Second: Kristin Augusta. Motion passed 8-2-0.

Motion: Roger Venden moved to nominate Mark Lane as Board Chair. Second: Peter Robart. Motion passed 2-8-0.

Motion: Lyn Stan moved to nominate Mark Lane as Vice-Chair. Second: Larry Smith. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion: Larry Smith moved to nominate Roger Venden as Treasurer. Second: Pam Fitzgerald. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Chair	Ted Tocci
Vice-Chair	Mark Lane
Treasurer	Roger Venden

4. Yoga Program Update

Mark Lane will inquire about the ideal class space, the possibility of using the town hall as a new location for yoga classes, and possibly polling the class participants to coordinate class times.

The Commission invited Sherry to visit and check out the Town Hall facility for yoga instruction.

The commission was pleased with the number of participants who attended the yoga classes to date and hope that their participation will continue. "Yoga meets you, whether a beginner, advanced or recovering from an injury."

5. Treasurers Report

A. Castleberry Fair

Roger Venden reported that contributions of \$2,000 were received for the May 9th Castleberry Fair on the Common. May 8th will be a set up day and the irrigation and water will be turned on May 6, 2015 and available for the fair use.

Kristin Augusti agreed to post information on the Facebook page.

6. Governor Weare Park

A. Condition of Fields

Peter Robart and Jim Zee had walked and looked at the fields to determine if the fields were ready to be used for spring sports. Baseball practice has begun at night and a game was played on Saturday and Sunday.

HYA requires background checks and Todd Santora agreed to send Peter a link for his perusal.

Soccer fields are still soggy but the upper field is better. The big field will not be used this spring.

B. Maintenance Update – Peter Robart discussed:

- Two trash receptacles are needed for Governor Weare Park.
- The idea of carry trash in and carry trash out.
- Investigating clean up on the Town Common, recycle bins and trash bins.

The Commission agreed that trash removal three days a week is a good idea.

- Fertilizer application requires state licensing and recommended Jim Zee to fertilize this year.

Peter Robart agreed to gather lawn mowing quotes for 2X per week and the sports teams will contribute to the cost. The second mowing price would be ala carte.

- Will try to coordinate the town common mowing for the farmers market and the concerts. Monday and Thursday evenings.
- After the farmers market bids are opened and known, a cost could be determined for the farmer's market contribution.

Pam Fitzgerald and Lyn Stan will provide that information to Peter Robart as soon as the information is available.

7. COED Softball

A. Inquiries/Sign Ups

Roger Venden reported that advertisements will be forthcoming in the Hampton Union, Facebook, and the Hampton Falls Magazine. Two people are already interested in playing at this time and that games would be played on Saturday and Sunday's.

Port-o-Potties

Triangle port-a-potties were delivered to Governor Weare Park on April 13, 2015.

8. Summer Camp

Ted Tocci provided copies of the schedule of summer camp events, hand advertisements to be distributed and reviewed:

- Todd Santora agreed to send a link that would be useful for background checks.
- Advertising will include: Hampton Falls Magazine, Facebook, LAS email and the town website.
- Camp will run from July 6, 2015 through July 26, 2015 and all campers will receive a t-shirt on the first day of camp.

The Commission agreed to provide a 10% discount for four week signups.

The Commission agreed to inquire with Stacey Bellen for price ranges involving multi children within a family for camp sign up and what is proportionate to the increased cost.

Mark Lane agreed to contact Mark Deblois in regards to the insurance coverage.

The Commission agreed not to require a public charge for entertaining activities but to state that "The public is welcome and all donations are welcome."

B. T Shirts Decision

The Commission agreed to use the sample of Mark's summer camp T-shirt and to add Parks & Rec. to the design.

The Commission expressed appreciation to Mark Lane for his fabulous t-shirt design and color choice.

Canopy presented by Lyn Stan

Motion: Ted Tocci moved to approve the purchase of a used canopy for \$721.00 from Exeter Events and Tents. Second: Lyn Stan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. Senior Card Group

A request for three card tables was presented to the Commission by Fred Wilde. The current tables are in disrepair and cannot be used. The Scouts also use these tables.

The Commission agreed to replace the card tables.

Mark Lane agreed to investigate prices and sizes for quality card tables.

Ted Tocci agreed to notify Fred Wilde of the Commission decision and will look at the current card tables.

10. Other Business

1. Ted Tocci presented:

- Joining the New Hampshire Parks and Recreation Associations for a basic membership fee of \$50.

Motion: Peter Robart moved to join the New Hampshire Parks and Recreation Association. Second: Kristen Augusta. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Peter Robart requested that Paul Vogel; Hampton Attack be placed on the May agenda.

3. Larry Smith agreed to inquire with SAU #21 Assistant Superintendent Barbara Hopkins in regards to the Seacoast Be Fit Program and if this program is still available.

4. Ted Tocci inquired of any program ideas for next year? Recruiting additional non-commission volunteers? Is the scarecrow contest still viable?

Motion: Larry Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Second: Roger Venden. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Hastings

Recording Secretary