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Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm

Attendance: Gisela Manna, Chair; Linda Savoy, Treasurer; Kara Dumont, Secretary; Pam Fitzgerald, Dianna Kouloheras, Karla Donatelli, Kathy Dittami, Colleen Farias

Absent: Mark Lane, Selectman Representative

Review and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the meetings on August 21, 2023.

MOTION: Gisela Manna

SECOND: Pam Fitzgerald

Abstentions: None

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Ledger</u>	<u>PRC Revolving Fund</u>
Previous Balance (July):	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 56,560.63
New Balance (Aug):	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 43,020.83

General Account: \$1,490.00

Revolving Fund: \$36,612.04

Communication Update- Colleen Farias

Using the request form for events has been working well. Mrs. Farias requests that we continue to use this method.

Old Business:

Governor Weare Park Update- Mark Lane None

The Recreation Commission has requested that drainage be repaired on the field.

2023-2024 Budget Update-Gisela Manna

The Recreation Commission reviewed the 2023-2024 budget and discussed the line items. Going forward the Commission would like the Frying Pan Fund to pay for the Family Field Day. Mrs. Dumont asked why we are charging residents for Chair Yoga but not other programs the Commission offers. It was discussed that paying a small fee holds people accountable for weekly class style events. Other fee-based recreation programs were discussed such as a Bus Wine Tour, Adult Kickball League (or other adult sport and social programs). Programming for all age brackets needs to be considered such as the Adult Basketball League that was a grassroots program last year. Ideas were discussed to utilize the LAS gym for some trial programs such as a paint night, floral arranging classes, or evening adult rec sports leagues. Winter sports could include snowshoeing on the conservation land or other areas within Hampton Falls. Kathy Dittami asked what the vehicle was for Commission members who have an idea about possible recreation programs. It was decided that the Commission would use the request form that was

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created by Mrs. Savoy when Commission members have an idea for a new program. All new programs will be discussed at either a special meeting or at the regular Commission meeting.

Storage Container- Colleen Farias

Karen Anderson is in discussion with Jay from Little Warriors about using volunteers from Little Warriors to spruce up the container. Lindsay Lang has agreed to paint the exterior. She'll present some possible options for the Commission to vote on. The Commission would like to thank Mrs. Lang!

Scarecrows on the Common- Colleen Farias

This year the Commission would like to host the Scarecrows on the Commons and offer a friendly competition with several prizes. Possible ideas discussed included gift cards from local businesses such as Nick's Pizza, Oceanside, and Suzie Sweets. The Commission would like this to be advertised on the social media channels and also on the white letter board sign on the Common. Residents can place their scarecrows on the Common from Oct. 8th-18th. Voting on scarecrows will occur on October 19th. The winners will be announced at the Foam Party (if it is hosted by the Commission).

Avesta/Meadows Senior Center-Kathy Dittami

The third Chair Yoga session will begin on Oct. 18th and run for 6 weeks. Cost is \$5 per class.

Wreaths Across America- Linda Savoy

WAA has \$545 allotted toward this year's event from the donations from the WAA donation page. Mrs. Savoy will purchase the chest holsters for the color guard flags. The wreath prices increased this year to \$17, from \$15.

Library Events- Linda Savoy/Kara Dumont

No updates.

Tree Lighting Booked for Dec 2nd, 6 pm- Linda Savoy

Nov 18th- The Commission will meet at Tonry Farms to tag the tree.

Nov 25th- The Commission will cut the tree and set it up on the Common.

Nov 30th- 6 p.m. The Commission will meet to decorate the tree and gazebo.

Mrs. Dumont will speak to the Fire Department, Jay Lord, to confirm that Santa and Mrs. Claus can arrive in the fire truck.

New Business:

Fall Events

Mrs. Farias suggested if the LAS Trunk or Treat night does not end up doing the Foam Party at the Trunk or Treat event then the Commission could host a Family Foam Party on the Town Common. This would have to occur on a school day evening because the Foam Party company is booked already on weekend. This event would occur on Thursday, Oct. 19th from 6-7 pm.

**RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 - 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL**

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Another fall event discussed would be a possible Teen Yoga and Meditation class offered by Tuesday Orluk. Mrs. Orluk suggested a 6-week session from January through mid-February at 3:30 or 4 on Tuesday. The fee would be \$10 per class.

MOTION: To allocate \$400 for a Family Foam Party event in October on the Common.

MOTION: Kathy Dittami

SECOND: Gisela Manna

Abstentions: None

Passed

Fall/Winter Interactive Herbal Sessions with Donna Onacki- Kathy Dittami

Mrs. Dittami talked about possible ideas that Mrs. Onacki could present at the class. It was discussed that people like to walk away with an item that they can use at home.

Hampton Falls Senior Meet and Greet Pizza Party- Linda Savoy

The Meadows, Sept 27th, 6-8 pm

The Recreation Commission is hosting a “Senior Meet and Greet” for Hampton Falls residents.

All seniors in town are invited to attend and meet other Hampton Falls senior residents. This will also be an opportunity for seniors to discuss programs they would like to see.

Other- Gisela Manna

None

The next meeting is on Oct. 16th at 7 p.m.

Adjourn

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

MOTION: Gisela Manna

SECOND: Linda Savoy

Abstentions: None

Passed

Prepared by: Kara Dumont 9/18/2023