

Town of Harpswell
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023 - 7:00pm

Members in Attendance: Tom Carr, Gabe Coulon, Kevin Hunt, Don Miskill, Jeanie Rubio, and Rick Rumba (late arrival).

Also in Attendance: Gina Perow (Recreation Director), Kayla Matthews (Programs Assistant), Tom Mahoney, (Acting Programs Coordinator) (late arrival); and Jane Covey, (Selectman)

A quorum of Committee Members was present when the meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the DRAFT May 15, 2023 meeting minutes as written. The minutes were unanimously accepted and approved (5 – 0 - 0). The approved FINAL May 15, 2023 Committee meeting minutes will be forwarded to the Committee.

2. Things to Celebrate:

We all are happy that summer is on its way!

3. Harpswell Hiking Challenge:

Kayla reported that the 2023 Harpswell Hiking Challenge took place on June 3 and 4, 2023. Despite cold and rainy weather, we received 38 completed forms and a total of 53 hikers who registered on the sign-in sheet. Kayla noted that the first place finishers completed the challenge at 9:17am and there was one couple from New Jersey who came to town solely to participate in the event.

4. Community Garden Plot for Pumpkins (Update):

Gina reported that several volunteers met at the Community Garden at Mitchell Field on May 18 to weed and prepare two seed beds for growing pumpkins to be used for this years' Fall Craft and Carve Event. Tom has agreed to plant the seeds on Wednesday.

5. Cliff Trail Update:

Tom Carr reported that he and Rob Bryan worked on the Saturday before the Harpswell Hiking Challenge to reconfigure one of the recently repaired washouts that was not draining properly. He reported that they were able to repair the washout area without the need for additional materials.

6. Request to Use Carryover Funds for Cliff Trail Signage:

Kayla reported that the Recreation Department is suggesting that the Committee approve the use of \$750 from the Special Revenues Fund to purchase the remainder of signs needed for the Cliff Trail. This should complete all the needed signage and will make all signage a matching format. *A motion was made and seconded to approve the use of \$750 of Carryover Funds to purchase Cliff Trail signage and submit the request to the Selectman for authorization. The motion was unanimously accepted and approved (6 – 0 – 0).*

7. Shelving at Trufant/Summerton Garage:

Gina reported that a materials list for building shelving inside the garage has been completed, and she will place the order this week. She and Tom Mahoney will clean out the garage prior to June 24. A workday to install the shelving is scheduled for June 24, and Kevin has agreed to pick up the materials, deliver them to Trufant Summerton Field, and lead the shelving installation.

8. Other:

- a. **Cedar Log Milling:** Don and Tom Carr reported that the cedar logs at Tony Barrett's house are being milled for materials to build trail bog bridges. There was also some discussion of milling additional cedar logs at Lee Theberge's house and cedar logs at Mitchell Field. The cost for milling is \$100/hour and will be paid for through the Trails Fund.

- b. Harpswell Aging at Home (HAH) Update:** Jeanie reported that she has been conducting some research and is recognizing Mitchell Field (as opposed to Trufant/Summerton Field) may be a more appropriate location for any new recreation opportunities for older adults. She is continuing to have preliminary discussions with Harpswell Aging at Home about some of these ideas for long-term planning purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meetings: September 11, 2023, and October 16, 2023 @ 7:00pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Rumba, Secretary