

Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes – August 31, 2023

Present: Sandy Shute, Chelsea Sucy, Barb McCosh

Additional interested community residents: Phyllis Kirouac, Larissa London

Minutes of July 12, 2023, minutes were approved previously via email.

Treasurer's Report: As of August 31, 2023, we had \$6055.74 (as reported by the Town Treasurer, Tammy Lyons). Since then, \$2500.00 has been paid to Rick Labbe for the site work on the pavilion, leaving \$3555.74. In July, we ordered more T-shirts at \$486.00. I am not sure if this was included in the \$6055.74 number, so we may be at **\$3069.74**, plus any income not recorded for T-shirt sales in August.

Old Business:

1. Pavilion update

- a. Electricity – Adam Clement has been contracted to install electricity to the pavilion. He will be completing the installation “within the next 3 weeks”.
- b. Wi-fi – Point-to-point Wi-fi access has been installed to extend wi-fi from the Community Building to the firehouse and includes public access at the pavilion.
“Town of Rome Guest”, password **2073974011!**

2. **Walking Track** - Shawn Landry of Mainely Trails will be installing the walking track as soon as the ground is dry enough to bring equipment in
3. **Community Garden** – Sandy will be in touch with Chris Cook to confirm we will be ready to go with this next spring.
4. **Summer Barbecue** – Phyllis and Chelsea reported that we had about 50 attendees at the barbecue, all ages and both summer and year-round residents. Everyone commented on and enjoyed the pavilion and picnic tables and other activities. More t-shirts were sold.
5. **Pickle Ball Clinic** – Barb and Doug McCosh organized a pickleball clinic. Only one person attended. Sandy also reported that she has received several requests for access to the equipment bin to play pickleball; however, she also reported that someone has forced the lock so the bin is no longer locked, but no equipment appears to be missing as of this meeting. We'll see how this goes.
6. **Hoyt Island Encroachment** – Larry was not present to report on whether the Town has written to the Hoyt Island property owners regarding their encroachment onto the Town Beach property.
7. **T-shirt sales** – As of this meeting, we are sold out of Men's M, L, XL and Women's M. It was decided to place a larger order to get a better price and since we seem to be selling them on a regular basis. **Sandy** will order ASAP.
8. **Equipment Bin** – we now have, in addition to pickleball net and equipment, soccer balls, basketballs, whiffle balls and bat, rubber bases, jump ropes, and sidewalk chalk. This list has been posted on the Town Website and is on the Equipment Bin.

9. **Taekwondo Class** – Phyllis had 7 students, adults and kids, in her Taekwondo Class

New Business:

1. **Taekwondo** – **Phyllis** would like to offer one adult class and one family class this fall. Everyone agreed and told Phyllis to research interest and organize whatever suits her schedule as well as that of those interested. Julie can post any surveys for interest and sign-ups on the Town website. It was also agreed that there not be a fixed charged for classes, but perhaps a suggested donation, as we don't want to exclude anyone for lack of ability to pay. The Recreation Committee will cover the cost of boards, hopefully through donations by the students or anyone in the lumber business.
2. **Yoga** – **Sandy** will contact Monica McCarthy to have a discussion as to thoughts on what we might be able to offer.
3. **Sandbox** – Sandy shared ideas for a sandbox (16' X 24' with activities within the area – mud kitchen, boulder scramble, log scramble, and accessible sandbox). This was well received; however, Sandy was told by our First Selectman, that they felt the boulders would be dangerous and that a sandbox would attract animals. **Sandy** will do some research to respond to these concerns. The cost to build this as designed would be about \$1,000.
4. It was decided to hold a **movie night** in **September** outside at the pavilion, inside if rain and/or too cold. **Sandy** will order a projector and screen (can be purchased for about \$200). We will use the popcorn machine to provide popcorn. Once the equipment is in hand, Sandy will reach out to everyone for a date. It seemed that a Friday night might work best.
5. Sandy shared information on her discussion with **Dwight Allison** on use of his property around Little North Pond. He is happy to have trail development and is planning to take **Sandy** on his side-by-side to tour the property for the feasibility of x-country ski trails and snowshoe trails. He also is in conversation with 7 Lakes Alliance and suggested it would be a good idea to speak with them to coordinate efforts.
6. Trunk-or-Treat – We will hold Trunk-or-Treat again this year, October 31, 2023, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We will also add a "haunted trail" along the third base line portion of the new walking track. **Barb** will run the Popcorn machine and hotdogs will be available (kept warm in a crock pot works great). We need to supply napkins, ketchup and mustard. Many ideas for the haunted trail were shared and it was agreed that we could use solar powered landscape lights for the trail and **Sandy** will order those. We will need volunteers on the trail. Larissa will check with her sons, Phyllis will ask her husband, Sandy will ask Andy and Chris Cook. Maybe we will solicit more volunteers on the Town website. Larissa will provide spooky music. Others ideas were talked about and it was agreed that **Sandy, Phyllis, Chelsea and Larissa** will meet at 5:00pm on September 20, 2023, at Sam's Club (?), or sooner to check out Halloween supplies for the Trail.
7. Trash can at the Beach? – **Sandy** will check with Selectboard on the feasibility of this.
8. Break-away bases for the baseball field – do we have these? If we got them, the field would be usable for local teams. Sandy noted that after the last big rain we had, the entire infield was underwater. Again, **Sandy** will take this to the Selectboard.

Next Meeting: 5:00pm at the Community Building on September 21, 2023.