

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

21 November 2023

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Franceseo~~ (Selectman) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary), Jenny Evans, ~~Adar Fejes~~, Nate Fuller, Maryanna Swanson
Guest – Heidi Emmons

This meeting was held in person at the Fire/Safety Building.

- 1) **Minutes** - the minutes of 30 October 2023 were accepted.
- 2). The primary purpose of this meeting was to finalize the budget proposals for the Recreation Department and the Town Beach for 2024-2025. The meeting began with a review of the changes made to the proposals since our last meeting. The only significant change to the proposals was to increase the tuition to our Summer Escape from the \$10 per week in the proposed budget to \$15. The Board agreed that due to the increased salaries of the summer staff pushing our expenses up by \$4,000 we needed to help offset this a bit more by increasing the revenue side. Our tuition is still affordable, and we have the scholarship fund to rely on for the few families that may find this increase in tuition a bit of a strain on their budget.

Wendy will make the changes to the proposal and submit the revision to the Town Administrator, The Select Board, and the Budget Committee. The Recreation budget will be formally presented and defended at a combined meeting of the Select Board and Budget Committee on December 6th at 10:15.

3) Programs:

- Pickle Ball – 20 active participants –
- Basketball now has 24 participants.
- Pickle Ball – very large following
- Badminton has started with 4-6 participants
- Tai Chi – starts soon
- Yoga – on hold at the moment
- Basket Making – strong sign-ups as usual
- Family Paint Night – starting up with 10 families signed up
- Zen Tangle – a new offering is in the works

4) Other –No word on what other organizations are doing to celebrate the holidays. The Friends of Holderness Library will be having their book give away as they have done in the past. No date as of yet when this starts.

5) At the end of the meeting Wendy left and the Board went into executive session to discuss what we should propose to the Town for increases to Wendy's salary. Wendy has competed 20 years in this position and her value to the Town is substantial. Tom will speak with Michael Capone and convey our recommendation for Wendy's salary for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

6) **Next meeting:** A date was not set for a December or a January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
George Sutcliffe
Secretary