

Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

Chair Rec Com

Approved
11/1/23

Name of the board, committee, or commission: Northfield Recreation Commission

Location of meeting (physical address): 69 Main Street, Northfield MA 01360

Date and time the meeting convened: October 4th 2023 at 6:30pm

Name and contact info of the person filling out this form: Stacy Bond, reccom@northfieldma.gov

Members present: 1) Josh Roman (JR) - Chair; 2) Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair; 3) Courtney Lawler (CL) and 4) Laura Fries (LF) Pool Advisory Group Coordinator

Members absent: Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer

Others in attendance: 1) Stacy Bond (SB) - NRC Secretary/Director

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- 1) Call to Order and determine quorum
 - A) 6:38pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.
 - 2) Citizen Input/Guests
 - A) None
 - 3) Review and approval of minutes from Sept 6th, 2023.
 - A) Motion made to approve minutes from Aug 2nd, 2023 by BE, seconded by CL, vote all yea.
 - 4) Chairs Report
 - A) Nothing extra.
 - 5) Fall Movie Night
 - A) Sat. Oct 28th at 7pm and will do in conjunction with PTO pumpkin event earlier in the day. BE has transmitters. Drive-in style. Movie? Hocus Pocus or Monsters Inc?
 - 6) Costume Swap
 - A) LF will organize and do during "Fall Fest" at the W. Northfield Playground on Oct 7th 11-4pm.
 - 7) Pickleball
 - A) SB check with Pat Holloway if nets are being taken down and putting them up each time.
 - 8) Soccer update
 - A) Seniors: CL reports lots of kids, but going well.
 - B) Discussion about next year doing an "A" or "B" team? CL will talk with Seth Deyo in Vernon.
 - C) Juniors: JR reports teams going well.
 - D) First Kicks: BE reports going well.
 - E) Coaches plan pizza party at end of season for kids.
 - 9) Adult exercise class update
 - A) Request from resident to start back up with Dance Aerobics and committee agreed to it.
 - 10) Pool Advisory Group
 - A) LF still working on pool outreach.
 - B) Committee would like to host another pool day during vacation week in Dec. Maybe Turners again?
 - 11) Treasurer's Report

- A) Read CD's report via email.
- 12) CPC Update
- A) BE reports that they had first start up meeting recently to get going again.
- 13) Adult pickup soccer
- A) Few showed up. Will take a break from it and try again in spring.
- 14) Adult softball league
- A) LF did some research on local adult softball leagues and there is one in Montague through their Rec Dept. They are looking for more teams and it is an adult coed umpired league. Games M/Th @ 6pm in Montague May through August \$650/team. NRC wants to see if we can get a team together for this spring!
- 15) 350th Parade
- A) Went very well!
- 16) Great River Challenge/Kiwanis Oct. 7th
- A) SB made multiple attempts to try to get volunteers.
- 17) Latin Dancing
- A) CL reports it is \$150/hr for 2-3 hrs: 1 hr lesson and 2 hrs. DJ. Maybe charge \$5/person? Jan/Feb? SB will see if Four Star has interest in hosting and will contact the Latin Dancing Co for additional details.
- 18) Basketball signup (and Cheerleading!)
- A) November is signups! Cheer needs a co-coach!
- 19) New Program ideas
- A) Board game night
- B) Ultimate frisbe/Disk golf/flag football/volleyball in spring?!
- 20) Directors Report
- A) Started discussion about scheduling in the tightly packed NES gym this season.
- B) Met new gym teacher
- C) SB spoke with Pat about weight room for the winter and thought we could start at 1x/week and go from there. SB check with Pioneer first as there was talk about re-doing the Aux Weight Room.
- D) Discussed trash at NES
- E) Update about a "part-time" maintenance worker. Hopefully can be done through the DPW.
- F) Discussion about benefitted Director position
- G) SB added LF as an admin on Facebook page
- 21) Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance
- A) None
- 22) Scheduled next meeting for November 1st, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall
- 23) Adjourn
- A) A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00pm by JR, seconded by CL, vote all yea.