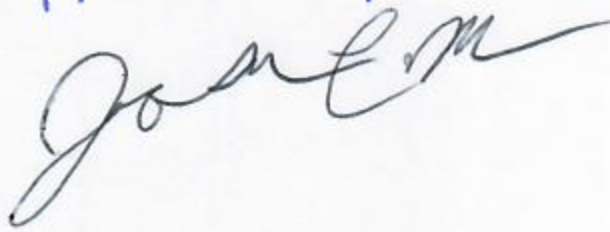


Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

Approved 5/3/23


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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: 4/5/2023 at 6:30pm

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

Members absent: 1) Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair; 2) Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer

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

1) Call to Order and determine quorum

A) 6:35pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.

2) Citizen Input/Guests

A) None

3) Review and approval of minutes from March 1st, 2023.

A) Motion made to approve minutes from Mar 1st, 2023 by CL, seconded by LF, vote all yea.

4) Chairs Report

A) Wants to offer NRC to help with trail building behind NES with the PVRSD.

5) Baseball/Softball field upgrades

A) In-field samples: Delta Sand & Gravel in Sunderland is about \$38/ton and guesstimate about 15 ton for baseball and 30 ton for softball field. Sod cutter is \$120/day. Hoping for April 15th/16th to put fields in?

6) Pickleball

A) A request was made to do a 60+ Pickleball hour on Sundays from 1-2pm. Motion was made by LF to approve the extra hour of Pickleball, seconded by CL, vote all yea.

7) Weight Room update

A) Will go until end of April.

8) Adult exercise class update

A) Needs more advertising!

9) Pool Advisory Group

A) LF will follow up with the Turners Falls pool for possible April vacation swim on Wed 4-7pm?

B) Camp Northfield is willing to share pool first week of August for two weeks (7th to the 20th) for about \$400.

C) The Vernon Pool Pass from last year remains the most economical at \$250 for 15 passes a day for the whole summer.

D) Will try NMH again in the fall due to changes in personnel there.

10) Summer Program update

- A) Costs: \$150/week per kid. Second kid or more are \$125/ea. (NRC committee/director can sent their kids for same but minus \$25). \$500 for all 4 weeks. 4th of July week = \$125.
- B) "Limited Scholarships available" for need based. Contact us.
- 11) Treasurer's report
 - A) Email from CD. Balance is \$16,173.24
- 12) Fee collection for programs offered to adults
 - A) "Suggested donation per class?" or \$50/year for all instructional exercise classes. Looking to make things easier for Laura Rooney, our Treasurer and Director.
 - B) Motion was made by LF to switch exercise program payments to one \$50/year online payment, seconded by CL, vote all yea.
- 13) CPC update
 - A) BE gave text update since he couldn't attend meeting.
- 14) Adult pick-up basketball update/discuss what spring sport to offer
 - A) BE was not at meeting, but decided to extend the pick-up basketball indefinitely now that there are regular attendees. He is also able to do spring Adult pick up soccer on Thursdays. Change basketball on Mondays to 6pm.
- 15) Summer basketball 3 v 3
 - A) Brian Winslow will be organizing.
- 16) Spring sports sign ups
 - A) Going well
 - B) Brattleboro has boys on their team and asked the league about allowing them to play. The league is against it, and although a tricky situation, NRC came up with an official stance that in order to empower young female athletes, NRC prefers to have softball remain an all-girls sport.
- 17) Baseball, Softball, Tee ball update
 - A) Going well
- 18) Basketball court usage at the Elementary School
 - A) A complaint was sent to NRC about kids loud music late at night coming from the outdoor basketball court next to NES. NRC was willing to help in any positive way we can, but this is more of a matter for NES/police.
- 19) Cross Country Ski at Northfield Mountain update
 - A) Not much snow this year, but it didn't cost NRC any money as First Light paid for it.
- 20) 350th
 - A) SB reports JR filled out a parade form and NRC needs to order a banner with our logo on it!
 - B) No further communication from Deerfield Rec regarding the softball game.
- 21) Woo Sox trip
 - A) No additional info at this time.
- 22) Directors report
 - A) The NMH basketball clinic was AWESOME! Thank you, CL!
- 23) Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance
 - A) Need to advertise Laura Fries as a write-in for town election on May 2nd for the 3-year term.
- 24) Schedule next meeting May 3rd, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall
- 25) Adjourn
 - A) A motion was made to adjourn at 8:17pm by CL, seconded by LF, vote all yea.