

Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

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approved

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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: September 6th 2023 at 6:30pm

Members present: 1) Josh Roman (JR) - Chair; 2) Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair; 3) Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer; 4) Courtney Lawler (CL) and 5) Laura Fries (LF) Pool Advisory Group Coordinator

Members absent: None

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

- 1) Call to Order and determine quorum
 - A) 6:36pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.
- 2) Citizen Input/Guests
 - A) None
- 3) Review and approval of minutes from Aug 2nd, 2023.
 - A) Motion made to approve minutes from Aug 2nd, 2023 by CL, seconded by CD, vote all yea.
- 4) Chairs Report
 - A) Nothing extra.
- 5) Fall Movie Night
 - A) BE has an FM transmitter as discussion was to do it in parking lot similar to drive-in style (also to avoid bugs). Maybe coordinate with PTO?
- 6) Pickleball
 - A) Started back up after a month hiatus in Aug due to yearly gym floor maintenance. Pat was able to get Pickleball members to help put new gaffer tape on (custodians said the painters tape wasn't coming off the floor well, so Gretchen Licata suggested we get the gaffer tape). SB purchased on Amazon and will be reimbursed.
 - B) Also confirmed SB and JR covering for Pat on her vacation days in September.
- 7) Soccer update
 - A) Kick starts started today! Socks and shorts were purchased for travel teams to look more in line with other uniforms used by local Recreation Commissions (kids can reuse shorts for basketball).
 - B) Teams are again big: 2 senior teams and 3 junior teams.
- 8) Adult exercise class update
 - A) Still at the Beech House at Northfield Golf Course.
- 9) Pool Advisory Group
 - A) LF spoke about conversation with NMH. Only thing that seems promising is a one time during a school vacation.
- 10) Treasurers Report

- A) Discussion about cost of having a nurse during the summer program. Although we would love a nurse for the summer program, we are not required to have one, and the cost would add thousands of dollars to the program.
- 11) CPC update
A) Not started back up yet
- 12) Adult pick up soccer/softball update
A) Adult soccer will start Mondays, Sept 18th 5-6pm.
- 13) Adult softball league
A) People are interested, especially after the 350th game. LF will look into logistics.
- 14) 350th Softball game wrap up
A) Unanimous that it was a fun game and would love to recreate this somehow.
- 15) 350th Parade
A) Discussed a few logistics. Keeping it simple and like we did during the Memorial Day parade. JR will organize.
- 16) Great River Challenge/Kiwanis Oct. 7th
A) SB will email mailing list to see if we can drum up volunteers for this event since they donate a portion of their proceeds to our summer program.
- 17) New Program Ideas
A) CL discussed latin dancing at the Brewery at 4-Star. SB will ask the Brewery. CL will get more info as it sounds promising!
- 18) Directors Report
A) Committee confirmed we have enough going on to validate a benefitted NRC Director position.
- 19) Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance
A) Willing to do a Halloween costume swap again this year? CL and LF will organize. Idea to do at the Fall Festival Oct. 7th/8th? LF will email Pam Veith.
- 20) Scheduled next meeting for October 4th, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall
- 21) Adjourn
A) A motion was made to adjourn at 8:06pm by CL, seconded by LF, vote all yea.