

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 25, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Nancie Cameron, Chairman
Councilor Richard Michaud, Vice Chairman
Councilor Martin Pepin

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Kenneth S. Vincent

Administration/Staff present: City Manager, Bob Belmore
Director of Public Works, Michael Bobinsky
Recreation Supervisor, Kristen Davenport
Director of Planning and Community Development, Michelle Mears
Deputy City Clerk, Ammy Ramsey

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVE PAST MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2023

Councilor Michaud made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Recreation Supervisor Davenport updated the Committee with Fall Program updates stating that Pee Wee Soccer has 35 children registered and will conclude on October 28, 2023. Ms. Davenport reported the Tiny Toppers Fall Session had 14 children and adult caregivers. The New Hilltoppers 50+ Walking/Hiking Program had 17 adults registered and their last walk of this session will be on Thursday October 26th and they will walk the downtown area. They plan on adding a Spring and Fall session moving forward. Ms. Davenport also mentioned they are asking residents to stop by the office to make a card or write a letter to Veterans to show appreciation, and that the VFW will be picking them up to distribute to local Veterans in November.

Ms. Davenport informed the Committee of the upcoming events which include, the Street Hockey Clinic with the Somersworth Lions Club, Halloween Pet Costume Contest, Halloween Hoopla at the library, the Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt, New Hilltoppers 50+ Holiday Create & Take, and the Recreation Youth Basketball.

Ms. Davenport mentioned they are still in need of basketball coaches.

Ms. Davenport also mentioned that the new recreation clerk is doing a great job and she is a great addition to the department.

BUTTERFLY PARK/ASH STREET PARK-DISCUSS PROGRESS

City Manager Belmore mentioned that the Committee will be joined by Mayor Dana Hilliard for pictures at the Ash Street Park. Manager Belmore mentioned that Public Works Forman Gerry Vachon and Ms. Davenport have been working on signage for the park.

Manager Belmore presented the Committee with some photos that he took while visiting Squam Lake Science Center for ideas pertaining to the Monarch Butterfly Journey.

Public Works Director Bobinsky informed the Committee that the Public Works Department have done a lot of nice work by hand and that some hydroseeding happened today. He also mentioned that employees of Home Depot also helped with the clean-up and planting in the park. Director Bobinsky stated that they will be doing more planting in the Spring with two or three more trees that are butterfly friendly and utilizing the list of plants received from UNH.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Pepin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. The Committee proceeded to the Ash Street Park for photos.

Respectfully submitted,

Ammy Ramsey, Deputy City Clerk