

CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Senior Center Activity Room
Meeting Date: Monday, November 14, 2016
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peg Purcell at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon
Recreation Assistant Director: Krista Trefethen
Recreation Board Members in Attendance:
City Council Liaison: John O'Connor
Peg Purcell, Chair
Mara Allaire, Secretary
Ken Wolfe
Aaron Wozmak
David Hurlburt
Cindy Imbro
Krista Morris
Martha Haley

Absent

David Beaulieu

Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2016

Motion to approve: Peg Purcell
Second: Mara Allaire
All in favor - approved

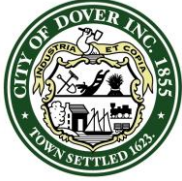
Citizens Forum - Closed

Reports

Advisory board

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon:

- Dover's 400th Anniversary: 2023
 - What to do as committee
 - Do history of Dover, year-long celebration
 - Raise funds
 - Citizens generated
 - Set framework
 - Goals
 - Series of events
 - Special activities
 - Very ambitious



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- Start to talk about now
- If you have experience with that, start thinking about it
- Recreation Budget for FY18
 - Submitted in next month
 - Meet with council in March 2017
- Veterans memorial this past Friday
 - Presentation by mayor—next level is to move forward and get it moving this year to have a memorial in place for Veterans Day.
 - Getting for design early spring, someone donated \$1000 already today.
 - The sight is the front center section of the McConnell Center lawn along Locust St. It will have granite benches, bricks will be available to buy and engrave with the name of a Veteran---still figuring out the pricing.
- Working with city on a strategic planning
 - 5-year plan
 - Step by step – it has lots of detail involved
 - Due by March 2017
 - Gary's and his staff will be working on it to get started

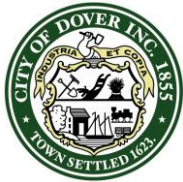
Assistant Recreation Director, Krista Trefethen:

- Transitioning between seasons
- Looking for new flooring for the Senior Center Activity Room
- All fall sports wrapped up
- Starting basketball this weekend
- Everything else starts after December
- Senior Center doing well, over 45 people attended a travel night for the Canadian Rockies trip

Old Business

Henry Law Park Project Status

- Some plantings put in
- Slides in
- Lights are up and are on dimmers and timers
- Working on a shelter option in one corner of the park
- Goal is to get it done in spring 2017
- We have art work coming in to enhance the area including a sculpture in metal that could be installed on the roof of the pool building



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- Some interesting instruments coming together
- Trees donated in honor of specific people will be planted as well
- Gary meeting tomorrow with parking commission re: free parking—can we meter it? Will work on if it could be done and what it will take.
- Thinking about a pass for the full members of the pool
- Due to the Henry Law Trust restrictions we must get the Attorney General's approval and there are several steps to get there

Waterfront Development Project Status

- A lot of things are happening now
- Will we have entertainment, etc., asking questions in the survey
- What will it look like? Link to Maglaras Park?
- Where is the skateboard Park going?
- The docks committee is finalizing location very soon
- Senior bus tours
- Boat rides
- Restaurant
- How many other programs will we come up with?
- We should see something happening within next year
- There will be 2-3 phases: docks first

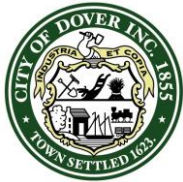
Apple Harvest Day Review

- Gary was there in a booth for Henry Law Park and there was a Senior Center and Pool booth
- We got a lot of questions: not only seniors, but for parents and kids
- Anything we do to get people involved
- Use this event as an opportunity to promote a project coming up, etc.
- If you have other ideas, let Gary know.

New Business

Discussion on Projects for the Advisory Board

- If you have any projects you come up with or have a specific interest in a project, you can work together with Gary.
- Do more proactive projects for its role.
- Gary would like to know about what you as a board member have the heart to do.
- **Action Item: for next meeting, bring an idea of what you would like to do**
- Reminder: we are connected with all these other programs in the city, for example, soccer, baseball, football, etc. (athletic leagues). Having someone from the Recreation Advisory Board



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attend their meetings or asking how things are going means a lot to them. It has to do with their status, insurance; most boards meet once a month or some meet twice a month.

Friends of Dover Recreation Overview

- There is a 501.c3 established for which Rich Johnson has been acted as treasurer since its inception a few years ago.
- They act as a conduit for funds that are donated
- There is no balance, meant to be for in and out. Gary would like to build it to be like a \$\$ kitty for costs and scholarships—if interested let Gary know.
- Example: friends of the library run a fundraising book sale, help coordinate it and give the funds to the library.
- If someone were to donate, where do they mail it to? To P.O. Box 368, Dover, NH 03820
- Annual fees? Several fees, about \$150 to maintain it a year.

Park Street Park Items

- There was a \$12k contribution that was meant to go to Park Street Park. We have 6 years to spend it; if not it goes back to the developer.
- There is a couple of ideas that there are few parking spaces there.
- It cannot be open or permit parking—still need to figure out what is the best option. This is a unique situation.
- There must be an ordinance to post a sign that the parking hours are xyz.
- Gary will talk to Bill Simons.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

- Friday, December 2, 6 p.m. at Henry Law Park
- Several musical events, speakers, Santa
- Same day as festival of trees
- 30-foot tall tree perfect for the city—Gary is trying to find a tree!

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion made by Peg Purcell
- Second: Martha Haley
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Adjourned at 8:02pm

Respectfully submitted by Mara Allaire