

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Members of the Voluntown Recreation Commission:

Mark Simmons, Chairman	Michael Magario	Jamie Anderson
Michael Kalwara, Vice Chair	Belinda Wiese	Dean Wittwer, Secretary
Melinda Bryan, Treasurer	Kristen Pellinen	Brian Kallio

Absent: Mike Kalwara, Belinda Wiese, Kristen Pellir
Guests: Renee Chapman

Ascertain a Quorum

There were 6 of 9 present – served as a quorum.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Previous Minutes

Jamie made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 meetings and the April 17, 2023 special meeting. Mark seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

We spent \$9,711.41 from our budget.
There is \$5,288.59 remaining.

Constitution Field budget has \$20,745.07.

Old Business

- A. Gate Street Master Plan. The community committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month.
- B. Constitution Field.
 - a. The grass in the field is completely dead in a lot of spots. We were discussing getting some more seeds to just broadcast spread on the bare spots. At this point we want to see about hydroseeding this. Melinda made a motion to allocate up to \$1000 for either hydroseeding or just some dry seed to be broadcast spread. Jamie seconded, all in favor.
 - b. VES has requested to use Constitution Field for Graduation again this year and also the Pavilion on June 6 (June 8 rain date). This was approved.
- C. Family Fun Day
 - a. We have 10 vendors signed up.
 - b. The game groups were confirmed.

- c. PAWS New England was been confirmed. Not sure about Kitty Harbor.

New Business

- A. Brett Salter Memorial Award
 - a. We will continue to give this award this year. It is for (2) \$50 awards (one boy, one girl).
- B. Upcoming Events
 - a. None for now besides the Family Fun Day.

Correspondence

We had a couple of people who are looking to reserve the Pavilion.

We received a message from Ryan Aubin about a YMCA being built in Griswold. They would like to meet with us to get our support for this. We will invite Ryan to attend one of our monthly meetings.

General Discussion

Renee Chapman wanted to confirm the Pavilion use form that was previously sent in. We agreed to the pavilion use but there is a question still for the Board of Selectmen. Melinda made a motion to approve the request. Dean seconded, all on favor.

Adjournment

Melinda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jamie seconded, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dean Wittwer.