Minutes Francestown Recreation Commission November 30, 2023 Francestown Town Hall, Francestown, NH 03043 Start time: 6:00pm

Call to order: 6:05

Present: Bob Bitterli, Sam Feinberg, Pam Berry and Lily Woodbury. Absent: Marcy Graham

October 3 minutes reviewed. Sam moved to accept, Lily second and all agreed unanimously.

November 2 minutes reviewed. Lily moved to accept, Sam second and all agreed unanimously.

Betsy Hardwick from the Francestown Conservation Commission presented to the board that her commission would like to work together with the recreation commission on projects and programming. Suggestions made by both Betsy & board members included trail maintenance & programs, winter hiking, scavenger hunts, outdoor programs including wilderness survival & NH Hike Safe programs, Geo Cacheing, after school hikes, tree identification, animal tracking, working together with FES and their outdoor programs, as well as the Francestown Land Trust Commission.

Bob Bitterli offered to attend the Dec 4th Conservation Commission meeting to discuss this topic further and to learn more about the commission.

Board members will discuss the Recreation Commission survey during a meeting the first week in January 2024.

Discussion regarding the Little Dribblers basketball program included being available to all Francestown children ages 5-11 & will take place at FES after school beginning the second week in January 2024 once all legal documentation is cleared with the school & town. Registration info will be sent home through the school as well as available at the town offices & library and online at <u>francestownnh.org</u>.

Yoga classes with Andrea Grant will start the first week in January 2024 on Tuesdays @9:00 and Thursdays @5:30 in the town hall.

Kimberly Dowling who recently moved to Francestown presented the need for a more local to the village playground. She has been researching what other communities have done in terms of funding however space is the critical issue. She asked if there was space behind the town offices where there once was a playground used by the school. Bob agreed to discuss this with the town administrator however, Kimberly will be in charge in going forward with the Recreation Commission offering support.

Lisa Federico, a certified personal trainer, registered yoga teacher with a masters degree in exercise physiology presented the idea of offering Wellness classes/talks/workshop to educate the community on health & fitness at the town hall. After some discussion Sam moved to create a Recreation Commission Speaker series beginning on the fourth Wednesday of the month in January with Lisa as our first speaker at 7pm. Bob seconded the motion and all agreed unanimously.

Sam would like board members to submit questions & ideas for the survey before Christmas.

Sam will be at the Coffeehouse on Saturday, December 2.

Bob discussed the need to recruit more board members to our commission. Pam agreed to reach out to several possible candidates.

Next meeting via zoom on Dec 28th at 6pm.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm. Bob moved to adjourn at 7:32pm. Lily seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.