

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes July 5, 2017
Town House

Approved July 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Members Present: Terry Ford, Dave Paradis, Phil Tarsi, Heath Joseph and Eric Jacobson

Members Absent: - none

Also Present: - Ann Marie Noel

Bills: - signed

Mail/Correspondence: Reviewed

Agenda Items:

Minutes: *Eric motioned to approve the June 27, 2017 Heath seconded, 4-0 in favor*

FOCUS: Ann Marie Noel attended the meeting to discuss the FOCUS program with the Commissioners. She has headed up this program at TWB and feels she no longer has enough time to steer the program. She feels that this is the natural progression and it would improve the Parks & Recreation department offerings to take over the program as other communities offer similar after school activities. Past programs that have been offered are robotics, crafts, obstacle course, jewelry making and calligraphy. These programs were offered to and attended by kids in both Hampden and Wilbraham.

Dave stated he feels that Superintendent of School Al Ganem doesn't want people volunteering in the schools that don't have kids in the schools. Eric asked what would Parks & Rec do? Ann Marie responded that we could take the program over under the auspices – we could send out the registrations, (as Wilbraham and Longmeadow currently do) and that she felt this would lend more of a name to the program. Dave asked if she was willing to stay involved and Ann Marie said she was. Eric asked Ann Marie to provide more information on the activities with instructor information. Terry thought that the idea has merit and Eric asked what the AD would have to give up
Commissioners asked that this be added to their next meeting agenda

Pavilion Request: Discussion about implied understanding of reservation, current policy and procedure.
Dave made a motion to chose another date for town festival and allow family to rent. Eric seconded. Voting in favor 3, Voting against 2. Motion passes. AD will notify those committed that town festival has been cancelled.

Wiffleball: Discussion of age groups, use of baseball age brackets, cost per person. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for July 11th at 6pm.

With no further business, Heath motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm Terry seconded. All in favor 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,
Assistant Director