

North Brookfield Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of 08/17/2023

Present: Brandon Avery, Tara Hayes, Mike Hinkley

Absent: Jamie Gilman, Michelle Thayer

Guests: Sheila Orsi

Meeting called to order at 6:10

Approval of minutes of 08/03/2023; Mike made a motion, Tara seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

Financials

Reviewed the Accountant's report for July, everything is all set.

New Business

Sheila Orsi is offering to help us with putting together a survey for the town to get input on the Common. She will help us find the least expensive option (free) that will give us the most information. We need to get public input for their response and awareness of the Common. We need to set up the survey to give choices but also allow responses. Some of the ideas discussed:

What does the community want to see at the Common?

Activities? Sports: basketball, soft/baseball, soccer

Playground

Workout/exercise equipment

ADA equipment

Pickleball? Would there be an interest?

Summer activity groups: Sheila suggested talking with Friends of the Town House to get volunteers for programs

Community Engagement/Gathering: Farmers Markets, Meat Markets, Alcohol/Marijuana (GGG)

Doing a 5k Fundraiser?

Our next meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Tara made a motion, Mike seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.