**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 9, 2023**

Present: Herb Greene, Rick Nelson, Peter Allen, Jenny Hancock, Thom

Francoeur, Jim Glover, and Miriam York.

Excused: Lisa Manz Buckley, Dave Smith, and Tracey Blandford

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

**1.** Peter was appointed as a voting member

1. **Minutes of December 5, 2022** meetingwere approved as written.
2. **Facility Use Request:**

Shari Peracchi, membership Director of Associated Builders and Contractors explained their request to use Gilford Beach as a staging area for an ice fishing derby on February 17th from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. This is a non profit organization with many local businesses as members. They will provide a food truck. Jim made a motion and Rick seconded it – “Allow ABC to host an ice fishing derby. They are responsible for all trash pickup and removal and will provide proof of insurance”. Motion passed with Thom abstaining.

1. **Director’s Report:**

Herb reviewed the director’s report. There were 41 attendees at the senior momentum pizza and bingo party and 70 holiday luncheons served to the senior momentum group. The home decorating contest had 16 home entries. Youth basketball all star selection process will take place on January 21st and Herb got volunteers to help with that. Francoeur/Babcock tournament will be held on March 9-12. Gunstock ski program has had one cancelation due to heavy rain the next four sessions will be held unless Gunstock cancels due to conditions.

1. **Budget 2023 discussion:**

Beach building Bond Public hearing will be held on January 11th at 7:00 pm at the town hall. There will be a power point presentation.

Budget Committee Public hearing January 12th at 7:00 pm and the Deliberative Session on February 7th at 7:00 pm. Both of these are at the high school.

1. **Village Field:**

The roofs for the dugouts have not arrived due to supply change problems. As soon as they arrive they will be installed.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink:**

There were some health issues with the staff and a new staff member was hired. The weather has not cooperated for ice making. They have begun building ice, but the weather in the forecast may further delay the opening.

1. **Beach:**

Herb has contacted various places asking for lifeguard referrals but has not yet advertised in newspapers.

**9. The next meeting will be on February 6, 2023 at 5:30.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosures – Director’s report