

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
August 14, 2019, 5:00 pm

Committee Members present:      Councilor Nancie Cameron, Chair  
   Councilor Richard R. Michaud, Vice Chair  
   Councilor Martin P. Dumont, Sr.

Administration/Staff present:      City Manager, Bob Belmore  
   City Clerk, Trish Harris  
   Kristen Davenport, Recreation Supervisor  
   Shanna Saunders, Dir. of Planning and Community Dev.

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Cameron at 5:00 pm

APPROVE MINUTES

***Motion made by Councilor Michaud seconded by Councilor Dumont, made a motion to accept the April 4, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion Passed 3-0.***

NEW ENGLAND COTTONTAIL RABBIT PROGRAM AT MALLEY FARM

Director Saunders explained that approximately 2 months ago, an area within Malley Farm was designated as prime space for the New England Cottontail. The town of Rollinsford already has an area adjacent to the Malley Farm for the New England Cottontail. The New Hampshire Fish and Game maintain, monitor and take care of the habitat area. They will also be releasing some rabbits into the defined area.

The City has no plans for the land at this time; Sober Sisters is on the property as well as the Community Garden.

There was brief discussion about a possible written agreement with NH Fish & Game for this project. City Manager Belmore said he would review the document and work with the New Hampshire Fish and Game to make any necessary changes.

***Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to support the New England Cottontail Program at Malley Farm, and to sponsor a Resolution, if needed, to full council. The motion passed, 3-0.***

RECREATION OFFICE UPDATES

Detailed outline from Supervisor Kristen Davenport is included in the file.

Councilor Dumont asked about participation in peewee soccer. Supervisor Davenport said there has been decrease in attendance of Recreation Programs throughout the State, and she has heard at seminars that it is the same throughout the country and all over the world. There was discussion about what may be causing this shift. Davenport stated that interest changes as different events happen throughout the world, like the Olympics.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Dumont asked about the Salmon Falls Success Safari at the Salmon Falls watershed. This will be coming to Somersworth on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and people can get a tour of our upgrades.

***Councilor Dumont moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Michaud, motion passed 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Trish Harris, City Clerk