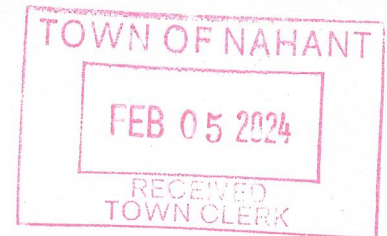


NSP Committee minutes – November 29, 2023 as approved a meeting 12 21 23
Meeting began 4:00PM

Attendees: Mark Patek, Eric Kirton, Jeff Hall, John Fulghum, Heidi Fiori,



Approved minutes from 11/15/23; Heidi Moved, John 2nd – all approved

John reported that FNS has approved donations to fund the new outboard motor (20HP) and Rhodes 19 trailer as approved by committee at last meeting. The committee agreed to purchase now to get best prices and benefit from schedule flexibility at Boats and Motors. Jeff will order, items will be billed to Town and FNS will reimburse town. Eric, John, and Jeff will move boats in Bunker this month to allow delivery of new trailer and to allow boat needing motor to be delivered to Boats and Motors.

Heidi reported that Kevin Andrews has received approval for the Johnson School summer class and enrichment program to be held this summer for 5 weeks from July 9-August 8 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:30AM to 11:30AM. He has asked if we might be able to provide a sailing class offering on Monday and Friday mornings and suggested we could do 1 afternoon class a week for these students.

The committee agreed that this is a workable plan and that we'll offer a new program for younger sailors which will be in a mix of Rhode 19's, Optis and possibly Fevas at these times.

We would still offer afternoon classes for the more experienced sailors but the mix and layout of this needs more discussion and analysis.

We will try to open our registration when the Johnson school opens theirs. This morning class will be open to all, not just the students in the enrichment program although they may be given earlier sign-up days.

Other program schedule change.

The committee agreed that we should switch from a 7 week program to 2 - three week programs.

(there may be 2 pirates days 😊) July 1 – August 9.

The reduction in weeks is driven by the fact that the older instructors tend to leave for college earlier and have not been around to help close the program down and do maintenance after classes end. It should also provide more time for training before the first class.

Adult management need discussed: There continues to be agreement that the program requires the daily presence of an adult (i.e. college grad or older. This is not only for safety reasons but to ensure instructors are teaching skills, acting safely and to better manage instructor work hours.

The current hourly wages are not competitive for such a person. Two options were discussed: Although a person would be paid for hours worked – Total amount could be limited such as is expressed for Recreation Director job (\$5,000-15,000).

Utilize school summer teacher wage as maximum (currently about \$36/hour)

Note that no member of the current committee wants the job – paid or unpaid since would seriously impact summer flexibility including their sailing opportunities.

The job description and qualifications need to be developed but it should be someone who does know how to sail and is comfortable managing older youth (instructors)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM. John moved, Eric 2nd.