

## MINUTES OF THE NORTH HERO RECREATION COMMITTEE

December 8, 2009, Town Offices

Present: Mary Jo McCarthy, Ethan Pearson, Chip Porter

Absent: Louise Guillette, Danielle Kinney, Stephen Ludwig

1. No bills were presented for the Board.
2. Pelots: The Whip honeysuckle and waterbar projects at Pelots have been reviewed for completion. Some reimbursement for expenses will be returned to us. The components of the Whip Project will be reviewed in January. The Selectboard will provide a dumpster to collect the large metal debris from along the side of the railroad tracks. Chip will contact Danny Williams to see if his offer to drag the material to the bed is still good.
3. The Board reviewed some of the year's offerings for inclusion in the Town report.
4. At Ingalls, several projects are still pending. Information on the kiosk should be developed. The Ingalls sign at the road is not completed yet and a sign for above the fireplace in the long house could be built.
5. A request for joint Island Arts and Rec Committee sponsorship for an art camp directed by Peggy Rainville was discussed. After some discussion, Chip agreed to work as liason and write a letter concerning the Board position, provide a draft to members and then send it to Peggy. The final letter is attached.
6. The Board adjourned the meeting at eight thirty.

copy: Rob Rousseau, Selectboard Representative  
Selectboard, Town Clerk

To: Peggy Rainville, artmama@pivot.net

From: North Hero Recreation Committee, Chip Porter contact

Date: December 13, 2009

RE: Joint Sponsorship of Art Classes

The Recreation Committee met on December 8, 2009, and considered your proposal for our Committee to co-sponsor with Island Arts two art classes, one for children 6 to 8, and one for ages 8 to 12, to be held at Camp Ingalls from August 16 - 20, 2010. We thought the proposal was an excellent one. It is the kind of activity we want to cosponsor with money toward your stipend and through scholarships for North Hero children. We would also waive the fee for the use of Camp Ingalls.

We would like to discuss our only concern which is that the cost of the art classes per student is too high. We think that there are at least two ways to reduce the cost per student. If the Committee pays \$200 of your \$800 salary per session, and if you were to base the student fee on larger enrollment, either by combining sessions in a multi-age class, or by increasing the number of minimum number of students to ten or twelve, the cost per students might be set at around \$70.

We think this is an important consideration as this would be more affordable for many families. Furthermore, if the cost was to be \$70, our committee would be better able to subsidize North Hero children, including provision for an even greater subsidy for additional family members. Thank you for your excellent proposal. We look forward to hearing from you.

c: Katya Wilcox, dupasquier@aol.com