



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2012

Vice-chairperson, Kevin Crosby, called the meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:37 pm on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Town Hall. Members present were, Kelley Lacoske, Cathy Smith, Miriam Morrissey, Carol Jones, Tracy Woodcock, Don Sampson, Betsey Scholfield and Dave Berardis. Those members absent were: Jason Mercer, Janice Kmetz, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Grace Petroka, Tania Crosby, Sarah Tullledge, Sarah Kateley and Peter Woodcock Sr.

***Audience of Citizens-*** There were none.

***Secretary's Report-*** The motion to accept the secretary's report was made by T. Woodcock and seconded by C. Smith. The motion was passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report-*** Morrissey presented the treasurer's report. Berardis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by C. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ***Old Business-***

- a. Summer Concerts: Morrissey reported that the nine weeks of concerts have been booked. The posters need to be made and the vendors (area restaurateurs) have been scheduled. There are two non-profit groups that will each be allowed to sell at one of the nine concerts. The concerts will begin on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Carnival: The dates of the carnival are June 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2012. The carnival committee met and it was decided that the idea of the beer tent was shelved for this year as the committee was unable to gather all the needed information regarding the town's insurance. Poster design has been selected. The committee is working on entertainment; they have approached Face Arts Music Center in town to try to arrange local entertainment. The committee is also considering Irish step dancing. T. Woodcock is contacting local non-profits groups to see if they want to participate. Groups will not be required to operate their booth the entire carnival. T. Woodcock will contact the DR Fire Dept. to borrow tables and chairs.
- c. Summer Program: Two new people have been hired, a new director and an assistant director. The summer camp committee met with the new personnel and discussed the summer program, the expectations of the committee and the schedule for camp. The new summer Camp Director is Ann Courcy. The new Assistant Director is Trisha Damuck. C. Smith reported that the local 'back pack' program does offer to pay for a camp session for families in need, but it is limited to one session per family for the entire 6 week session. Morrissey reported that Parks and Recreation has historically set aside two or more openings each week to be awarded as scholarships to needy Deep River families, but



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again, it is limited to one scholarship per child, per family for the summer. A local family was looking to be granted a scholarship for the entire summer.

- d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: No report. Date is September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: No report
- f. Movies: Movies will be scheduled for Friday nights in August. Crosby reported that the committee will work on selecting titles shortly.
- g. Plattwood Park: Misfit cruise nights have begun. An electrical GFI outlet was put in on the outside of the box near the basketball court in order for the food vendor, Hungry Hal's, to plug in. Electrician Richard Anderson, put two separate circuits in the box so that a heavier load can be accommodated. Jones reported that the two new welded steel basketball nets have arrived and the town crew will install them shortly.
- h. Devitt Field: The town has been working at Devitt field tearing out the former two small restrooms and installing a larger restroom that will be ADA compliant in their place. DRLL Opening Day was a success with beautiful weather. Joe Kuzaro did a great job making the fields look good.
- i. Town Landing/Dock: A local Brownie Troop did some spring cleanup on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. They spread mulch, weeded and picked up garbage. Jones reported that there is graffiti on all of the benches in the gazebo. The selectman will be notified.
- j. Brockway Ferry: No report.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt: No report.
- l. Fishing Derby: Lacoske reported that the derby is this Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 am with registration from 7:00-7:30 am. The cost of the derby is \$4.00 per registrant. The fish are being delivered Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Lacoske will put up the 'no fishing' signs after the fish delivery. Lacoske will secure the cash box and prizes as well. Petroka will pick up the coffee and donuts.
- m. Halloween: No report.
- n. Holiday Stroll: No report.
- o. Basketball: No report. The protective net for the scoreboard has arrived. The town crew will do the installation.
- p. Bus Trips: The bus trip scheduled for this Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to Boston has only 4 tickets remaining. The Yankee game in NYC, scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> has about 15 seats remaining.
- q. Membership: We have had two new members join recently. However, there are still at least three openings on the Commission.
- r. Fundraising: No report.



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***Other Old Business:***

The safe boating class was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-4 at the Deep River library; 15 people attended the class. The introduction to basic photography class taught by local professional photographer, Steve Nadler is ongoing. There are 6 students signed up. Nadler is scheduling an exhibit for the students work at the conclusion of the class. The exhibit will be held at the library.

***New Business:*** Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the buddy track and field program to be held at VRHS on three dates, May 31, June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration night was recently held at VRHS and forms are arriving via mail to the parks and recreation mail box.

T. Woodcock made a motion to adjourn. Sampson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, June 13th, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carol Jones, Director & Acting Secretary Parks and Recreation*