



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2013

Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock, called the meeting of Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:37 pm, on Wednesday, February 13th, at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: Miriam Morrissey, Janice Kmetz, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Carol Jones, Kevin Crosby, Stephani Award, Elizabeth Scholfield, Cathy Smith, Sarah Kateley, and Don Sampson. Those members absent were: Grace Petroka, Dave Berardis, Kelley Lacoske and Tania Crosby.

**Audience of Citizen:** None present.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to accept Secretary's report was made by Morrissey and seconded by Kmetz. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussion on recent expenses. Morrissey requested all budget numbers from the committee chairpersons as they are due to the first Selectman by Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by C. Smith and seconded by Kmetz. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- a) Summer Concerts: Morrissey sent the letter as requested by the US Army Band, to have the band perform in Deep River.
- b) Carnival: Massey gave Jones the contract to be signed and submitted
- c) Summer Program: Jones reported that the Assistant Director of the summer program has accepted the offer to return for the 2013 camp. Camp will be held at DRES Mon, Tues, and Thursday with field trips on Wed. and Plattwood Park on Fri. The Backpack Program is still offering scholarships to all Park and Rec Programs.
- d) 5-K Run: No reports
- e) Family Day and Fireworks: No report
- f) Movies: No report
- g) Plattwood Park: Woodcock requested information on location of shuffleboard and tetherball brought up in last meeting. Jones reported that the location has not yet been determined but will most likely be near the volleyball courts. Jones reported there will be no season passes sold at the gates of Plattwood or the town landing. In order to purchase a season pass, people will have to go to the town hall or the town transfer station. This allows better record keeping. As presented at earlier meetings, the Eagle Scout candidate will only be building the structure of the new facility at Plattwood Park and will not be doing the slab or the electrical for the facility.



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Discussion arose that the fence surrounding the basketball court is too short. Balls that are shot and missing are going into the parking lot. Crosby suggested making fence taller. The issue was tabled until the March meeting.

- h) Devitts Field: No Report
- i) Town Landing: Jones reported that the town landing will be plowed within the following few days. Jones was contacted by the Madison Audubon that 50+ attendees will be eagle watching at the town landing this weekend.
- j) Brockway Ferry: no reports
- k) Easter Egg Hunt: Smith reported the date of the egg hunt will be Saturday, March 23rd and stuffing of the eggs will be done Thursday, March 14th. Jones reported that the Easter Bunny costume is getting re-done including a better designed neck and extension on the gloves.
- l) Fishing Derby: Jones reported that the derby will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2013. Lacoske has agreed to chair this committee once again.
- m) Halloween Party: No report
- n) Holiday Stroll: No report
- o) Basketball Program: Woodcock reported that the season may end early due to baseball and softball starting at the school as well as the high school musical. Kids will have conflicting schedules. A new Parks and Recreation Codes of conduct policy was sent to all members for review and comment. A vote on the document will take place next month.
- p) Bus Trips: Jones reported that two MLB bus trips have been scheduled. The dates of the major league baseball games are May 5th to Yankees Stadium and June 30th to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park.
- q) Membership: No reports
- r) Fundraising: No reports

**Other Old Business:** Morrissey reported that the enrichment program co-sponsored by DRES PTO and Parks and Recreation was a success and children had a great time. Scholfield seconded that on a personal note.

#### ***New Business and/or New Programs:***

Jones reported a new program a beginner knitting class that is sponsored by Deep River Parks and Recreation. This will take place Tuesday evenings, starting March 5th and continuing to April 2nd, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm and will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room.



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Jones reports Kenilworth Kennel Club has put in an application for the use of Devitts Field for their Fun Dog Match practice dog show for Sunday, May 26, 2013, during the Memorial Day weekend. DRLL will be contacted once again about providing food for the event by opening the shack.

Jones also reports Misfits Cruisers applied for use of Plattwood Park for their weekly car shows.

Jones reports, The Dry Pants Model Yacht Club has also applied for use of Plattwood Park. Jones will reply with conditions of use and place the association on probation as they have not followed previous guidelines.

Next meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:30 pm

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:44 pm by Kmetz and seconded by Crosby.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Whitney Woodcock, Recording Secretary*  
*Deep River Parks and Recreation*