



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2013

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock, at 8:04 p.m. on Wednesday October 9, 2013 at the Deep River Town Hall. Meeting started late as members arrived late. Members present were Miriam Morrissey, Kevin Crosby, Carol Jones, Sarah Kateley and Elizabeth Scholfield. Members absent: Cathy Smith, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Tania Crosby, Stephanie Award, Don Sampson, Kelley Lacoske, Dave Berardis and Grace Petroka.

**Audience of citizen:** None present.

**Secretary's Report** - A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Morrissey and seconded by K.Crosby. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Morrissey presented the treasurer's report. K.Crosby made the motion to accept the treasurer's report; Scholfield seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

**a. Summer concerts-** No report

**b. Carnival-** No report

**c. Summer program-** No report

**d. 5-K Run** - No report

**e. Family day and fireworks** - No report

**f. Fishing Derby** – No report

**g. Movies** – No report

**h. Plattwood Park** – The water has been shut off and a port-let has been delivered.

**i. Devitt Field** - The shack was broken into and the bases were stolen. We need to put extra locks on the snack shack plywood window, facing the "A" field again like there was a few years ago. We are also trying to get the word out to the public that the funds we raise at the Carnival or 5K is for the new playground at Devitt.

**j. Town Landing** -Garden club has scheduled time to volunteer to improve the plantings around the park and gazebo.

**k. Brockway Ferry** – The Commission discussed the need to be more diligent at keeping the brush cut and under control.

**l. Halloween Party** – Scholfield reported that things went well. PTO reported that parents enjoyed the event. More help by Park and Rec members was needed. The committee is looking into bringing back the haunted house next year.

**m. Holiday Stroll-** Is upcoming on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The route of the horse and carriages has been changed to allow people to go down to the stone house and enjoy the festive of trees that the historical society is hosting new this year. People will load at the Town Hall Elm Veteran's Way and proceed left on Elm Street. At Union, the carriage will take a left and proceed down to the intersection with Main. The carriage will then turn left and stop in front of the Stone House. The horses will then head north on Main Street and take a left back into Veteran's Way.



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Members are asked to bake 2 dozen cookies and sign up for a shift to help out that evening. All ornaments for the Parks and Recreation holiday tree to be entered into the festive of trees must be brought to the Town Hall by the Wednesday prior to Thanks giving.

**n. Basketball program** –Player draft was held and all teams chosen. Practices have just begun this week. The teams are utilizing the gyms at JW, Mount St. John's and DRES as well as EES and CES. Approximately 218 kids are registered to play.

**o. Bus Trips** – The shopping trip scheduled for November 22 - November 24th 2013 to North Conway, New Hampshire was canceled due to low sign up. The committee will start planning new trips for 2014.

**p. Membership** – Need to work on recruiting new members. We currently have three vacancies. Janice Kmetz submitted her resignation to the Committee. It was suggested that a note or recruitment type letter be prepared for the night of the holiday stroll to be handed out to the public to make people aware that there are openings on the Commission.

**q. Fundraising**-no report

**Old Business** –Members discussed the proposal by DRLL regarding the installation of a permanent batting cage at Devitt Field. Members asked to table the vote until December as they wanted to visit the field to measure and observe the three areas that have been proposed for installation.

**New Business/New Programs:**

Morrissey said she was working on starting a theater class for 4, 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> grades students that would meet at DRES weekly with a performance possibly here at the Town Hall auditorium.

Parks and Rec will once again be running enrichment programs at DRES after school hours, starting in January. Planning will begin shortly.

**Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made by Scholfield and Kateley. The meeting of Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was adjourned at 8:54pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be Wednesday, December 11th 2013 @ 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Acting Secretary