



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock, called the meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:40 pm on Wednesday, January 8th at Town Hall. Members present were, Grace Petroka, Miriam Morrissey, Sarah Kateley, Carol Jones and Betsey Scholfield. Those members absent were: Tania Crosby, Stephanie Award, Dave Berardis, Cathy Smith, Don Sampson, Jimmy Cunningham, Kelly Lacoske and Kevin Crosby.

Audience of Citizens- None

Secretary's Report- Because there was not a December meeting, no minutes were filed. No motion was made.

Treasurer's Report- Morrissey reminded all committee chairpersons that the budget for each subcommittee is due by the end of January. Morrissey will email all sub-committee chairman a copy of the fiscal 2012-2013 (last year's) budget for reference. Expenses this month were for gym usage at Mount Saint John's and for new locks at Devitt field.

Old Business-

- a. Summer Concerts: No report.
- b. Carnival: Massey reported via email that the contract will be dropped off shortly. The carnival is scheduled for the third weekend in June. The dates are June 19-21st.
- c. Summer Program: Jones informs the group that both the Director and Assistant Director positions are open. Jones will advertise the position. Dates of the summer camp have been set; June 30th through August 8th. It is a six week program.
- d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: 2014 will be the 20th year that the road race has been run. The committee should plan a big celebration effort.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: No report
- f. Movies: Possibility of scheduling a movie over the February school break.
- g. Plattwood Park: No report.
- h. Devitt Field: Petroka and Jones reported that they had met with a playground representative at the Park and that he was working up some numbers as to cost of replacement. He also is putting together a list of safety concerns noted at the playground.
- i. Town Landing/Dock: Much discussion ensued about applications for park use that have come in primarily for weddings. Because it is a public space and an active boat launch, the Commission decided that a more standardized response regarding what is allowed and not should be established. Some of the concerns are amount of people allowed, parking of cars for such an event and the hours of use. Jones will investigate having a systematic lay out of the gazebo and northern grass area so the Commission would know how many guests to allow.



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- j. Brockway Ferry: No report.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt: No report. Date set for 4/12/14.
- l. Fishing Derby: No report. Date set for May 10th 2014
- m. Halloween: No report.
- n. Holiday Stroll: The stroll went very well with many people attending even though the weather was rainy. The new route for the horse and carriages worked out. The DRES chorus drew 100's of people and the auditorium was filled to capacity. Gingerbread house contest was disappointing due to low number of entries. Fire spinner, Maya Moen was a big hit.
- o. Basketball: It is underway with first full weekend of games just completed. Woodcock reported approximately 220 kids are participating in the program.
- p. Bus Trips: Jones has secured 50 tickets to each of two Red Sox games and is working on scheduling a Yankee game. The dates of the Red Sox games are Sunday, May 18th and Sunday, July 20th. Price of bus and tickets is \$78.00 per person.
- q. Membership: Woodcock asked if we could put an ad in the town newsletter to recruit people to fill the vacancies on the commission. Jones will make up an ad for submission.
- r. Fundraising: no report

Other Old Business:

Woodcock presented the slate of officers and took nominations from the floor for additional candidates. No other individuals stepped forward for nomination. By default, Woodcock agreed to remain as Chairperson. The slate of officers was presented as Chairperson: Tracy Woodcock, Vice- Chairperson: Betsey Scholfield, Treasurer: Miriam Morrissey and Secretary: Sarah Kateley. A motion was made by Petroka to accept the slate of officers as presented. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jones will email the signup sheets for all 2014 committee positions. The dates for the 2014 meeting dates for Parks and Recreation have been set and emailed to the Town Clerk for filing.

New Business: No new business.

Morrissey made a motion to adjourn. Scholfield seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Acting Secretary & Director, Parks and Recreation