



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

May 14th, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: Betsy Scholfield, Tracy Woodcock, Miriam Morrissey, Stephanie Award, Justin Waz, Carol Jones, Sarah Kateley and Cathy Smith. Absent: Jane Moen, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Kevin Crosby, Grace Petroka, Tania Crosby, Don Sampson, Dave Berardis and Jimmy Cunningham.

Audience of Citizens – There was none.

Secretary's Report – A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by C. Smith and seconded by Scholfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report this month.

#### Old Business:

- a. Summer concerts – All concerts set. Food vendors almost completed. Need to go outside DR if can't fill last date. Jones sent info to Essex Printing so the concert poster can be set up.
- b. Carnival – Scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014; Thursday entertainment booked. Working on Friday and Saturday. Maybe inquire to Valley Regional HS to see if any students want to perform. Committee looking into having a pie eating contest and charging \$5.00 to participate to cover cost of pies. DR Rent- All does not have a portable stage so Imperial shows will again provide one. Jones to contact the fire marshal and building inspector about site and equipment inspection on the morning of set up-June 19<sup>th</sup>. Jones will contact All Waste about the extra containers and location of dumpster. Also, Jones will call Olsen sanitation about extra units. Leo club will not be doing a water booth.
- c. Summer program – Commission decided to make camp full day this summer. Need 30 campers per week registered in order to break even. Brochures will be sent out again via another email blast. Applicants for counselors and CITs will be interviewed.
- d. 5-K Run - Jones reminded the Commission that the link to Raceroster.com is active. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary so the Commission will plan something special to commemorate.
- e. Family day and fireworks – The Commission would like to have a presence down town during family day so has agreed to hire a caricaturist, Bill Dugal, to offer drawings to the public free of charge.
- f. Movies – The movies have been selected. Jones and Woodcock looking into buying a new screen.



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- g. Plattwood Park –Misfit Cruise nights began May 13<sup>th</sup>. The concessionaire, Eric Anderson of ‘Hungry Hal’s’ who had informed the Parks and Recreation office, via email at 9:15 Tuesday morning, May 13<sup>th</sup>, that he could not commit to two days selling food at Plattwood as required by the contract. He therefore was unable to be the park during misfit cruise nights. Jones secured Chris Groat, from Chris’ hotdog stand to be at the park last night in order to be able to offer food to the attendees at the cruise night event. Jones is in discussion with Imperial shows concessions and two others about setting up down at Plattwood for the season. Jones will send out an email so that the Commission can vote via email on the concessionaire that will be given the contract.
- h. Devitt Field –The restrooms are now open and DRLL has been given a key and will have the responsibility to unlock and relock the restrooms before and after games. Opening day for DRLL was a success. Construction of the batting cage will be started soon.
- i. Town Landing – The brownie troop completed the placement of the letterbox at the landing in the area to the west in the rock area. The Brownies also spread mulch that the town had delivered and performed a clean-up day. Jones will again check on when the docks will be put in.
- j. Brockway Ferry – Local resident, Charles Burdick (husband of P & R member S. Award) volunteered his time and services to clear the brush and overgrown vines from the Town’s property. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of students from Valley Regional High School will be assigned to this spot to continue the clean-up efforts.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt – No report.
- l. Fishing Derby – Fish were delivered on schedule and the neighboring property, Olson’s, agreed to put up a temporary net across the outlet to the eastern most pond so that the pond to the left of the driveway could be stocked, (as was the tradition prior to the construction of the covered bridge on the Olson’s property). The derby went very well and attracted several dozen participants. The overall winner was Race Greenawalt who caught a 16” fish. Next year since it will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sony Stebbins derby, the committee wants to do something special. The first derby bearing his name was held in 1985.
- m. Halloween Party – No Report
- n. Holiday Stroll – No Report. Jones will approach the merchants about moving the day of the stroll to the first Saturday in December.
- o. Basketball program –Registrations for the summer league are coming in. Games will start in early June.
- p. Bus Trips –Moen reported via email that registrations for the bus trips are going well and that people can sign up on line. Payment however must still be done in person at Town hall or via



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mail. Help spread the word as spaces remain on all trips. Many spaces remain for the night game between the Red Sox and the Detroit Tigers Indians scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

- q. Membership – The Commission is still seeking new members.
- r. Enrichment Program – The theater portion of the program is still going and their production is scheduled for Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- s. Fundraising: No report

Other Old Business: Buddy Track is going well. The last day of events is May 21<sup>st</sup>. The players will be presented with medals and both the players and buddies will be treated to a pizza party.

New Business: none

Motion made by C. Smith and seconded by Award to adjourn at 9:12 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director, *Acting Secretary*  
Deep River Parks and Recreation