



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock at 7:41 pm on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: Miriam Morrissey, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Betsy Scholfield, Carol Jones and Cathy Smith. Members absent were: Jane Moen, Sarah Kateley, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Stephanie Award, Don Sampson, Dave Berardis, Grace Petroka, Justin Waz and Jimmy Cunningham.

Audience of Citizens – There was none.

Secretary's Report – Motion made to accept the secretary's report by C. Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scholfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Morrissey presented report detailing month's expenditures. Hand dryers for restrooms at Plattwood were purchased and new locks were installed at Plattwood. A motion was made by Scholfield to accept; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kateley. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business:

- a. Summer concerts – Have concluded for season. No additional report.
- b. Carnival –No report.
- c. Summer program – Jones setting up debriefing meeting with Director and Assistant. Letters will be sent out to both offering positions back for 2015.
- d. 5-K Run - Discussion about 5K; Jobs for the day were discussed. C.Smith and Morrissey will do 1<sup>st</sup> H2O station near Ivory Restaurant. Betsey Scholfield and son will do 2<sup>nd</sup> H2O station near Baptist church. Need commission members to volunteer for other jobs. Jones will send out an email. Commission is selling snacks and glow sticks at Plattwood night of fireworks. Glowsticks have been ordered.
- e. Family day and fireworks – The commission is hiring a caricaturist, Bill Dugal, to work the family day event. He will be on the town hall lawn from 11:00-2:00. Woodcock volunteered to assist Mr. Dugal. Parks and Rec will use the new shack at Plattwood to sell items during fireworks. *Mad Men* band to perform. Parks and Rec will provide patriotic music via *i-phone* device during fireworks.
- f. Movies – They went well. Woodcock reported that it worked out well hanging the screen between the two posts on the pergola.
- g. Plattwood Park –Misfit cruise nights will end soon. New garage style door installed on the new snack shack facing the beach. Jones will look into purchasing a new door for the partition in the



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men's restroom. Vandalism there in July with the breaking of the gate house door window.

Trouble with water pump so port-o-let brought in for Labor Day weekend. Request for bids have gone out for the new baseball field and fitness trail at Plattwood with set of drawings from Jacobson Engineering of Chester. Town has cleared the bank on the far west side of pond.

- h. Devitt Field –Field “A” had infield work done to help loosen the dirt. New garage style door installed at snack shack. Parks and Rec is paying someone to open and close restrooms on the weekends from now through the month of October or until it gets too cold, whichever comes first.
- i. Town Landing – Town is replacing the decking on the fishing pier due to its age as well as the fact that it is a trip hazard due to it being uneven. Railing might be replaced as well.
- j. Brockway Ferry – Jones contacted local resident, Charles Burdick regarding whether he would again clear the brush and overgrown vines from the Town's property. He had generously volunteered this service in the past.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt – No report.
- l. Fishing Derby – No report.
- m. Halloween Party – The date has been set - Friday, October 24. The parade will kick off from Adams at 6:00 pm. Scholfield reported that the committee is still working on details. Looking for ideas for something to appeal to older kids. Possibly a scary movie night.
- n. Holiday Stroll – The date has been changed from Friday evening to Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. On Friday evening however, Parks and Rec will sponsor a holiday concert featuring the Old Lyme Town Band. They will play in the auditorium. The horse and carriages and gingerbread house contest will still take place during the event but on Saturday.
- o. Basketball program –The commission voted to sponsor the basketball clinic for elementary school aged girls presented by local resident Jimmy Cunningham at the August 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Morrissey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massey. The motion passed unanimously. Woodcock and Jones met with the head of travel basketball and in a separate meeting, with the new DRES principal, Mr. Strickland, to discuss the winter program and our gym needs. Jones has contacted Mt St. John's as well to schedule gym time at that facility. Basketball registrations will go out mid to late October.
- p. Bus Trips – Next trip is to the Bronx Zoo and NY Botanical Garden on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2014; a Region 4 school holiday. Bus is half full.
- q. Membership – The Commission is still seeking new members.
- r. Enrichment Program – Morrissey and Scholfield met and have come up with a list of courses. They have set up a meeting with the DRES principal, Mr. Strickland and Dr. Ruth Levy,



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superintendent, Region 4 to discuss the enrichment courses. Anticipate starting classes mid-October.

- s. Fundraising: No report

Other Old Business: No report

New Business: Jones setting up skateboarding clinic with Skateboard shop in town (Jeff Blayman, Worship Skateboards). The Commission created a display board showing all of its activities and events and will use it to help spread the word about what the Commission does. Commission members, C. Smith, Scholfield, and Massey will participate in the open house at DRES and try to recruit new members as well as collect email addresses from parents of DRES youth. The open house is Thursday, September 11, 2014. Jones is working with local photographer, Steve Nadler to offer a photography class in the spring.

Motion made by Morrissey and seconded by C. Smith to adjourn at 9:29 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director, *Acting Secretary*  
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