



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock at 7:45 pm on Wednesday, October 8th 2014 at Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: Miriam Morrissey, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Justin Waz, Betsy Scholfield, Sarah Kateley and Carol Jones. Members absent were: Jane Moen, Sarah Kateley, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Stephanie Award, Don Sampson, Dave Berardis, Cathy Smith 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 Scholfield; 2nd by Morrissey. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Morrissey presented report detailing month's expenditures. A motion was made by Scholfield to accept; 2nd by Kateley. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. Summer concerts – The committee will begin booking in the spring for summer 2015.
- b. Carnival –No report.
- c. Summer program – No meeting of directors has been set up yet.
- d. 5-K Run - Discussion about 5K. The race went well with some 110 runners and 35 or so fun run participants. Weather very nice. Utilized the shack at Devitt and that made serving the food and drinks very easy. Had speakers at field and played music, making the atmosphere festive. Sold mugs and shirts as this was the 20th annual event.
- e. Family day and fireworks – The caricaturist, Bill Dugal, that the commission hired was very popular. Parks and Rec had a table set up outside Town Hall next to Mr. Dugal where information about Parks and Rec programs was given out and email addresses were gathered. Parks and Rec sold glowsticks out of the new shack at Plattwood. Fireworks went well. Started at 8:30. Must work on the band schedule and turning off lights and plugging in iPod for patriotic music. *Mad Men* band performed.
- f. Movies – No report.
- g. Plattwood Park –Jones to schedule water to be turned off after October 26th weekend.
- h. Devitt Field – Jones to schedule water to be turned off after October 26th weekend.
- i. Town Landing – Replacement of decking on the fishing pier has begun. Town crew to do the work.
- j. Brockway Ferry – No report except still needs to be reclaimed.



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- k. Easter Egg Hunt – No report.
- l. Fishing Derby – No report.
- m. Halloween Party – The date is Friday, October 24. The parade will kick off from Adams at 6:00 pm. Waz volunteered to lead parade. Griffin's have agreed to do the haunted house in the basement. Will ask again for donation of food items for entry into haunted house. Magician will arrive at 6:00. Costume contest immediately following parade and magician will follow contest. Carved pumpkins can be dropped off beginning at 4:00 to town hall.
- n. Holiday Stroll – The stroll will be on Saturday, December 6th. Holiday concert featuring the Old Lyme Town Band will take place on Friday evening. Jones will work on poster for the event. Committee still working on all details. Possibly having a hot chocolate vending truck come to town. The horse and carriages and gingerbread house contest will also take place during the event.
- o. Basketball program –The committee met. Registration forms have gone out and new rule changes will be put in effect. Registration cost went up \$5.00 to cover cost of gym time at MSJ which was increased this year to \$35.00 per hour as well as having the coaches all take on-line training which will cost \$20.00 per coach.
- p. Bus Trips – The Bronx zoo trip was canceled due to weather. The commission issued refunds and lost approximately \$900.00 on the trip. Two more trips were being discussed, one to Newport and one to NYC. One might be chosen and planned for early December.
- q. Membership – The Commission is still seeking new members.
- r. Enrichment Program – Morrissey and Scholfield have scheduled several enrichment courses and have put forms together to send out to the DRES students. The theater program has 'hired' a new director and will meet next week to finalize the schedule. There will be another session of enrichment courses in the late winter as well. The skateboarding class was canceled due to low enrollment.
- s. Fundraising: No report

Other Old Business: No report

Motion made by Morrissey and seconded by Massey to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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