



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

December 10th, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock at 7:35 pm on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: Miriam Morrissey, Grace Petroka, Leslie Sheehan, Karen Dexter, Brandon Woodcock, Justin Waz, Betsy Scholfield and Carol Jones. Members absent were: Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Sarah Kateley, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Don Sampson, Dave Berardis, Cathy Smith, Jane Moen, Stephanie Award and Jimmy Cunningham.

Audience of Citizens – There were none.

Secretary's Report – Motion made to accept the secretary's report by Petroka; 2nd by Waz. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Morrissey presented report detailing month's expenditures; no large expenditures this month. A motion was made by Dexter to accept; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheehan. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business:

- a. Summer concerts – No report.
- b. Carnival –No report.
- c. Summer program – Director and assistant have agreed to come back. Camp meeting will be scheduled in early January.
- d. 5-K Run - No report
- e. Family day and fireworks – Contract was signed for next year with Pyrotechnico to lock in the 2014 prices. Deposit of \$6K due by February 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- f. Movies – No report
- g. Plattwood Park –Bids are anticipated in January with work to begin in perhaps April. Jones will check to see if pump will be removed from the pond. Will also ask Dry Pants Model Yacht Club when they will pull out there markers.
- h. Devitt Field – Commission wants Jones to draft a contract for groups using the field for a prolonged period of time. The groups would have to agree to pay \$\$ to have the fields left as they were found, including but not limited to re-seeding and re-claying the fields. Jones has contacted Valley Youth Football as they have left some things in the shack and as of this date haven't yet paid their park use fee. Morrissey to look into how much money was raised thus far towards a new playground. Devitt Field Committee will look into grants to replace playscape.
- i. Town Landing – Replacement of decking on the fishing pier is ongoing. Morrissey visited the building department to obtain information on the load capacity of the fishing pier. The building



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department did not have the load specifications so Morrissey will notify the Rotary Club as they built the structure.

- j. Brockway Ferry – No report
- k. Easter Egg Hunt – No report.
- l. Fishing Derby – No report.
- m. Halloween Party – No report
- n. Holiday Stroll – Despite the rain, the event went well. The horses were canceled. Cedar Knoll Farms will credit us for next year. The free holiday concert featuring the Old Lyme Town Band wasn't well attended but all in attendance enjoyed it. The DRES chorus did a great job. Santa was great and the gingerbread house contest, movies and letters to Santa all were well received. Big thank you to the DRES baking committee for help with the goodies offered to the public free of charge.
- o. Basketball program – Practices are ongoing for all grades. Games will begin the weekend of January 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 for all grade levels. Scholfield made a motion, seconded by Petroka to create a paid position for a Basketball Director and fund the position in the 2015-2016 budget. The motion passed unanimously. A job description will be created.
- p. Bus Trips – The bus trip committee has set dates and approximate itineraries for all trips in calendar year 2015. The Commission still needs to vote on the new policy which was presented at this meeting as a 'draft' to address the issue of inclement weather and a 'no refund' policy. This policy will be implemented after it receives the Commission's approval. Two trips are planned for early 2015, a trip to the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden show on February 19<sup>th</sup> and one to NYC in April to see *The Lion King*. Discussion on how to advertise the trips ensued.
- q. Membership – We welcome three new members to the Commission. Karen Dexter, Leslie Sheehan and Brandon Woodcock.
- r. Enrichment Program –The fall program is completed. Scholfield reported that a winter program might be set up if there is interest. Two courses that she is planning are *Lego Robotics* and a *Women in Engineering* course. The theater program, "Alice at Wonderland" is going well. The play will take place on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall auditorium.
- s. Fundraising: No report

Other Old Business: The slate of officers nominated for 2015-2016 are as follows: Chairperson-Justin Waz; Vice-Chairperson-Betsey Scholfield; Secretary – open; Treasurer-Miriam Morrissey. Voting will take place at the January 2015 meeting.



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New Business and/or New Programs:

- Jones is working on setting up a photography course in late spring.
- A motion was made to move the start time of the monthly Parks and Recreation meetings to 7:00. Morrissey made the motion, seconded by Petroka. The motion passed unanimously.
- No monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will take place in July 2015 as historically there is not a quorum during this month.

Motion made by Morrissey and seconded by Dexter to adjourn at 9:17 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission will be Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

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