



Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2017

The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:04 pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 by Justin Waz. The members present were Karen Dexter, Miriam Morrissey, Mary- Elizabeth Massey, Justin Waz, Betsy Scholfield, Stephani Award and Director, Carol Jones. Members absent were Cristi Stroud-Downes, Tracy Woodcock, Brandon Woodcock, Don Sampson, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, James Beardsley, Jim Cunningham, Sarah Kately, Grace Petroka.

Audience of Citizens: Chris Marra

Secretary's Report: Correction of the spelling of Marra. Date of Holiday Stroll amended from Friday, December 9 to Saturday, December 9. A motion to accept the changes was made by Massey and a second was made by Morrissey. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

- A. Holiday Stroll: Saturday, December 9. The Old Lyme Band will perform in the Town Hall auditorium at 7:00 pm. Committee needs to decide on additional outside activities. There is a 5K Jingle Run scheduled for that morning.
- B. Basketball: Registration closed on November 8, 2017. Practice to begin on November 27, 2017.
- C. Theater Program: Rehearsals have started, there are 22 children involved with the production.
- D. Halloween: Event was successful, DRES PTO very involved. Committee recommends event to begin earlier and last for 1 1/2 hours instead of 2 hours and to allow the costume judging to occur later during the event. The field needs additional lighting.
- E. Bus Trips: Committee to discuss future schedule due to low participation. Trips might be reduced to two Broadway shows per year (Spring and Holiday) as those trips seem to have the most participants.
- F. Family Day/5K: No Report
- G. Carnival/Food Truck Festival: Date to remain Father's Day Weekend. Committee needs to meet to discuss food truck participation as well as schedule entertainment.
- H. Summer Program: Need for a post 2017 summer program meeting in order to evaluate current camp operations, staff and facilities as well as make recommendations for the following season. Jones to email camp staff and summer program committee members, Thursday, November 9, 2017 in order to schedule a date for the post 2017 summer

program meeting during the week of November 13-17, 2017. Camp Director Massey suggested that the Summer Program Committee schedule a pre 2018 summer program meeting in order to define and plan the 2018 summer camp program and to help reduce the time allotted to administrative responsibilities. Perhaps allowing time each day for the camp director to access the Parks and Recreation RecDesk program via the Town Hall. Any further discussion will be done in committee.

- I. Parks: Devitt Field-Water to be shut off week of November 6, 2017. Town Landing-Bench Placement (Bench Memorial Program-information available at Town Hall), heavy benches currently at the Landing will be replaced with a like design. Jones will speak to M. Berardis who's Eagle Scout project is to build benches for Plattwood Park to see if he will build 6 benches for the landing and the additional benches that he will build will be placed at Plattwood park especially along the fitness trail. Plattwood Park- Graffiti needs to be addressed. Brockway Ferry- No report. A motion was made to accept the plan for the benches by Scholfield and seconded by Massey. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:No report

New Business: Jones needs a schedule of new programs from committee members. Please email her information. Concerts for 2018 will extend for 8 weeks, Movies on the beach may have to have its budget increased, Dexter to consider February Film Festival. New members and re-appointments. The Town Hall dedication will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00pm. Please RSVP.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 by Scholfield and seconded by Dexter. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephani Award
Secretary
Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission