

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
Parks & Recreation Commission
March 1, 2016
MINUTES

Call to Order

6:00pm: Chairman Shute called the meeting to order

Present: Jeff Shute, Chairman; Julie DeCosta, Amy Harrington, Ken Heckman, Jack Hutchinson, and Ernie Robert Members

Excused: Brian Layton & Melissa Robertson, Members

Also Present: Joe Manzi, Parks & Recreation Director

Minutes of February 2016

Motion: E. Robert moves the minutes as written

Second: K. Heckman

Vote to approve: Yea 5*, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Member A. Harrington was not present at the time of this vote

Citizens Comments

None

Hartford Brook Update

The Commission agreed that it would like to meet with the Volunteers to plan for Spring field work. Much will depend on the outcome of the Warrant Article on Tuesday. J. Hutchinson reported that the framing, windows, roofing and most of the siding has been completed.

Deerfield 250th Anniversary Celebration

J. Hutchinson displayed a layout of the Fairgrounds and planned events for the July weekend celebration. Planned activities include a Quilting Bee, Bands, and Parade, along with possible Blacksmith and Granite State Wood Workers demonstrations along with other 18th Century displays.

The parade route will cut through the grounds from Gate G to Gate C with a classic car show at Gate D. The Truck Show will take place in the Tractor Pull Arena and the Excavator Rodeo at the Horse Show Ring. The Variety Show may be held at the fairgrounds near the Circus stage, or may be moved to the DCS. The Cornhole Tournament will be held at the relaxation grove. Stage Coach rides are slotted for Sunday, ticketing for that activity will need to be determined as J. Hutchinson expects demand will be high. A 5K road race will also take place on Sunday morning.

Plans for a Ham and Bean Supper at the Fire Station are being made for Friday, July 15th and the entrants for the parade on Sunday, July 17th at 10a are growing.

J. Manzi spoke that his Department has been discussion some adult-gearred events, including Mush Ball and perhaps some type of obstacle course.

J. Hutchinson reminded that donations are needed to feed volunteers following the Town Wide Cleanup on April 16th. Anyone able to contribute a chowder, chili, soup or fruit salad should contact Denny Greig. The 8th Grade Metal Drive will also be happening on April 16th and 17th from 8a - 4p. J. Hutchinson suggested that the event should be promoted in conjunction with the 250th April 16th events, the main contact for the drive is Ken Heckman.

Joe Stone Scholarship

J. DeCosta will update the application and submission deadlines and communicate the Commission's desire to have hard submissions to CHS. It was suggested April 29th be used as the submission deadline so that Commission members can review and make a decision at the May meeting in advance of the CHS Awards presentation which

typically occurs the first week of June. J. DeCosta will get information posted to the FORUM, Town Website, and Post Office and Library bulletin boards.

Deerfield Hoops Classic Update

J. Manzi reminded that the tournament will start on March 18th. The tournament is sold out with thirty one teams across four divisions. Fewer teams were entered this year with the loss of play on Easter Sunday. A volunteer sign up was circulated for coverage at the front door. The 8th Grade will be running concessions as a fundraiser.

Other Program Updates

J. Manzi spoke that there will be a Red Sox Trip Sunday, June 5t. The cost for the game and transportation is \$59 and ticket sales have begun to come in.

Adjournment

Motion: J. Hutchinson moves to adjourn the meeting of March 2016

Second: J. DeCosta

All in Favor – Motion Carries – Meeting Adjourned at 6:42p

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 5th @ 6:00pm

The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Katherine A. Libby, Recording Secretary.

Pending Approval by the Parks & Recreation Commission