

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
Parks & Recreation Commission
September 15, 2016
MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Present: Jeff Shute, Chairman; Julie DeCosta, Ernie Robert Jack Hutchinson, Amy Harrington, Melissa Robertsen, Members

Excused: Ken Heckman, Brian Layton Members

Also Present: Joe Manzi, Parks & Recreation Director

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Motion: E. Robert moves the minutes as written

Second: J. DeCosta

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

Citizens Comments

None

Old home Day

J. Shute opened the discussion on Old Home Day. E. Robert asked J. Hutchinson to clarify the expectations of the 250 Committee as it related to Old Home Day moving forward. J. Hutchinson explained that after the success of the 250 celebration we could do something moving forward to bring the town together. The Fairgrounds is happy to host Old Home Day (or Deerfield day) moving forward, A lot of people who worked on 250 would like to come back. Over 300 volunteers participated and it's an opportunity to bring all parts of Deerfield together. The Town Hall and gazebo area isn't large enough to accommodate. Some events like the excavator rodeo could be every other year.

E. Robert suggested that J. Hutchinson wants to keep the synergy created going. J. Hutchinson replied yes, that all organizations were included and that this could move us toward higher trust and one community.

J. Shute said it came up as discussion at the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting and that the Board stated that part of the reasons the land behind the Town hall was purchased and the gazebo created was to accommodate Old Home Day.

M. Robertsen stated that both venues and all events and activities could be accommodated. We have traditionally utilized the school, the basketball courts, fire house, library, town hall, the churches, gazebo, fairgrounds etc.

A. Harrington suggested we do a round table to give everyone a chance to air their thoughts. A. Harrington stated that she was not in town for 250, but all the reviews were glowing, and that we could take a survey to determine what people want.

J. Shute suggested putting a brief survey in the next newsletter.

J. Decosta stated she like the center of Town, but also enjoyed the fairgrounds, and felt we should make a list of what we think Old Home Day should include and go from there.

J. Hutchinson suggested it could be every 5th year at the Fairgrounds.

J Hutchinson mentioned that 250 moving forward would like to find ways to support anything that comes up. For instance the Arts tour. The events could be Deerfield events, but sponsored by Deerfield 250. Monies currently left over could be put into an account to build social capital improvement committee work.

Adjournment

Motion: E. Robert moves to adjourn the meeting of September 15th, 2016

Second: J. DeCosta

All in Favor – Motion Carries – Meeting Adjourned at 7:05p

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 4th @ 6:00pm

*The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Joseph Manzi, Director Deerfield
Parks and recreation Recording Secretary.
Pending Approval by the Parks & Recreation Commission*