

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2010

Present at the meeting were: Kris Fogarty, Director
Judy Malouf, Committee Member
Pam Mustard, Committee Member
Sue Vara, Committee Member
Joanne Truchon, Public at Large

Meeting began promptly at 6:00 pm.

Discussions included:

A letter has been written to the Superintendent of Schools requesting that the school rental fees be waived for the upcoming recreation basketball season for both the Clyde Brown School and the High School gym usage. The custodian fees would still be paid by the Recreation Department, but if the usage fee for the gym is waived, it would save the Recreation Department approximately \$2,000 for the season. Kris must attend the School Committee meeting on September 14, 2010 beginning at 7:30 pm in the High School library in order to discuss this request. Kris would appreciate the Recreation Committees' support if you are available to attend this meeting.

Also, Kris has had her annual meeting with Town Administrator, Charles Aspinwall. He has requested of her more Recreation Committee meetings and also quarterly reports on the Recreation Department's income and expenses. Her thought on submitting the reports would be as follows: Spring and Summer combined, Fall, Winter, then an overall of the year.

Accounts payable as of August 31st, was up-to-date leaving a balance of \$58,695.62 in the Recreation Department account.

Kris met with Jim McKay from the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Frontier Fence on Tuesday, August 31st to discuss the repairs that are needed on the tennis court fence. As of our meeting, they are waiting for a quote from Frontier Fence—Kris wants to participate with these upgrades with the DPW since the Recreation Department utilizes these courts along with the Town and Schools.

There is now a policy of issuing permits for field use. There is a fee charged for the use of the fields. Since budget cuts are inhibiting the DPW from applying fertilizer and other potential materials needed in order to maintain these fields, a portion of the user fee will be used to assist in maintaining them.

We also discussed some other ideas for the Recreation Department. The Pumpkin Stroll will most likely be a part of the MERIT's Haunted Hayride in order to give Hayride patrons something to do while waiting for their ride. We were thinking that the Recreation Department might also have an area for some "old-time fall games" such as bobbing for apples and/or donuts hanging from a string to be eaten without using your hands! It may be difficult to fulfill these plans due to lack of participation, however. Another suggestion made was to have a Scavenger Hunt here in the Town of Millis. If anyone has any thoughts as to how these events could happen, please participate.

Just to check in on the office duties, Kris was wondering if the procedure she is using for accounts payable is efficient enough for the committee. She does need people to come in to sign off on the warrants AS SOON AS POSSIBLE once her email goes out requesting signatures. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm in order to attend the Fall Registration in Room 130.