

MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Mission Statement: The mission of the Advisory Board to the Moultonborough Recreation Department is to provide the public a standard of excellence in programs and services in a cooperative spirit that encourages participation in recreation, sport and leisure activities, while carefully promoting and utilizing recreational resources and facilities available in the community.

Purpose: The principal function of the Advisory Board is to serve as a communication bridge between the Recreation Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Community and to promote programs and services to encourage support from our community through input and participation.

Monday, June 9, 2008 Draft Minutes

Present: Becky Bryant, Joanne Farnham, Harry Blood, Karin Nelson, Carla Taylor, Al Hume, Cynthia Robinson. The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

1. The Minutes of May 12, 2008 Meeting were accepted unanimously as written.

Joanne asked for information on the Tecumseh scholarship process. She noted that there was some uncertainty among community members on who they should approach if interested.

Donna responded that the Rec. Dept's role in the Tecumseh scholarship process is only to forward information either way. Any community members interested in applying should contact the Camp's director, Jim Talbot, or apply online via the camp's website. www.camptecumseh.net/

Donna and Harry (who worked at the camp), also underlined that Camp Tecumseh is not appropriate for any child. It is an all boys camp for very athletic-minded individuals. Most of the campers come from the Philadelphia area, and because the regular tuition for the camp is \$6500, this attracts a majority of campers from a certain economic background.

2. Community Input: Community member Lydia Eaton, present. Asked to hold input until after Donna's comments on the recent Registration Sub-Committee Report.

3. Recreation Director's report: Monthly report attached. No questions from board. Donna then presented her comments on the recent Registration Sub-Committee Report. (Donna's comments attached) Donna and her staff spent a good amount of time reviewing the ideas submitted by the sub committee, finding many ideas that they will work on incorporating, that address the overall expressed need for consistency. The biggest challenge coming from the registration process seems to be to balance the consistent deadlines and enrollment policies with the wish to make new community members' children feel welcomed into the programs. Making exceptions for incoming community members as far as registration deadlines was discussed, but as this posed a possible conflict with the idea of establishing consistency, this could open up another related problem.

4. Discussion led by Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator: Carter introduced the process he is undertaking for the town, which involves meeting with each town board and committee, assessing current work and issues, compiling workplans, goals, and ideas from each group. He will be putting together all of his notes and initial responses into a larger group report that he will present to all groups by late July. There may well be a need to rename, reform, and redirect town committees and boards.

Carter mentioned that the concept of a community center will come off the table for now.

Carter asked for this group's input on both the RAC needs and the overall perception of town needs, and the following ideas came up:

- Direction and support for department heads is needed
- Getting the word out- really creating a two-way bridge between community and RAC
- Including senior needs in Rec. Dept. programming will require reworking Dept. mission/goals, delivery of programs system, staff workload/structure. Joanne mentioned the need to acknowledge the current seniors who wish primarily for socializing-based activities. Karin suggested "Recreation for All", and Donna mentioned the change in trends regarding "seniors" particularly those who do not want to be called "seniors". New attitudes on what kinds of programming are desired.
- New names, and branding of programs/services needed
- Orientation for new town groups

Adjournment at 6:30pm