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Sandown Recreation Commission
January 12, 2016

The Commission met at the Budget Committee public review of the 2016 Town budget. The Budget Committee had not previously finalized review of Recreation Budget Account #4520-36. After discussion and review, the Budget Committee voted 5 – 1 to decrease #4520-36 by \$5,947 (...even though It was pointed out that we were down one lifeguard this summer (\$5,000) and not all of the 2015 expenses ((bills)) had been paid yet).

The Commission exited the Budget meeting and convened in the Town Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman George Blaisdell. Members present were: John Donahue, Terry Treanor, Veronica Utman, and George Blaisdell. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

Mrs. Brown reported that her recreation conference was excellent. She is considering adding staff training videos as an aid to the summer program.

The after-school program is being held this week. There was such an increase in participation that she had 3 staff people (instead of two).

Mrs. Brown is working with Plaistow and Atkinson on several joint programs:

- A soccer camp for special-needs children

- A 6 or 8 week track and field program for 7-14 year-olds, using high-school (track team) students as part of their community service requirement.

- Possible combined-town events: March or April luau; Valentines trip; two-day camp in February.

The Commission hastily adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to return to the Budget meeting (for possible re-review of the other two Recreation budgets).

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman
Recording Secretary