

RECREATION DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES 11-24-2009

Attending: Jessica, Louise, Mark, Jim, Steve, Vernon, Justin and Ann
Guests: Patrice and Merle

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Business: Update to the Recreation Guide Book.

We broke the Recreation Guide Book into sections and assigned to folks. We should remove the Community Center Section. Louise distributed the Recreation Guide from other towns to give us different ideas that we could consider using. We could solicit advertisements as a means to pay for the printing costs. Justin will be contacting the Schools and Churches to see if they want to be included in the guide. We will print a limited amount of books and distribute them in the Town Hall, at the Town Clerks Office and at local Real Estate Offices. It was agreed that this project will be put on hold until after the Holiday Season.

Budget Discussion: The Budget was down 5% this year. The Recreation Department asked for \$4,000.00 for Summer Camp Staff and next year will it be self-sufficient. There was mention that Scott Flood spoke to the director of the Boys and Girls Club and wanted them to take over the Summer Day Camp Program. More on this to follow.

Columbia Hall was sold. Justin donated some of the items that were stored in the Hall to the Boys and Girls Club. Due to liability issues the Town had to sell the trampoline which was used at Kimball Pond. The intent when this was sold was to free up space in the barn. Scott Flood bought the trampoline but has refused to move it from the barn.

Other Business: The Eagle Scout Presentation to the BOS will occur at the beginning of December. Steve Crawford shared some great ideas for a Fishing Derby in the spring. Dot Perkins from the NH Cooperative Extension would be willing to teach a gardening class. We could incorporate this into a Growers Dinner as a way to promote the class. Justin distributed flyers for Starry- Starry Night. December 4th the Recreation Committee will be hosting Parents Night Out. December 5th is the Gingerbread House Making from 11am til 2pm. Breakfast with Santa will be on December 12th. The Holiday Light Judging will be held on December 15th. Santa Calling will be held on December 16th from 5:30-8pm. We need more helpers.

Other Programs: Princess on Ice Tickets have been purchased. There will be three Red Cross Programs; Safe to be on my Own, First Aid, and Parents-to-be Course. Justin will be looking into the Cooking Class. Justin attended an Entertainer Expo and Steve Lindholm was booked for a Gazebo Event on June 12th. The Town Band is a line item on the Budget but we are not sure how this is run. Why isn't it connected with the Recreation Committee?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM

The next meeting will be held on December 29th.