

Hopkinton Recreation Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2012

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

Present: Jessica B., Director, Vern M., Mark N., Jim M., Ed K., & Louise C.  
Absent: Brian M. & Steve C.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Citizen's Forum: None

Halloween Wrap Up:

The event was an overall success. Thank you Vern for organizing the Halloween Holler. Thank you Jim M. for making the new games. They were a big hit with the children and adults who also enjoyed playing them. Comments for next year included:

2 craft tables instead of 3 if we use the same room next year as it was too crowded or move the kayaks outside.

Vern will bring the punch list to make set up run more smoothly.

20 dozen donuts was just enough, order the same for next year

the donut stringing table needs to have at least 2 pairs of scissors, somewhere is a plastic box of scissors that needs to be found

need to recruit volunteers to assist with the games, we recruited parents as they arrived to help out

advertise next year that the event will run from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm., the bulk of the families are gone by then and this will allow us to start picking up earlier

several committee members received complaints that the food prices were too high, this information will be given to the Woman's Club who organized this portion of the event

New Business:

Gingerbread House event will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Vern and Ann was able to get 40 houses from Target and received a good discount due to ordering in bulk. To date 26 out of 40 gingerbread houses have been reserved. Jessica will advertise on the A frame signs that walk ins are welcomed while supplies last.

Jessica and her Mother will be building the houses on Friday and if anyone is available to assist on Friday she would appreciate the help. Jessica has 1 person committed to assist on Saturday. If anyone else is available they can just stop by.

Santa Calling will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Ed is available, Vern will not be able to get there until 6:00 pm. and he will ask his brother, Russell, if he would like to help again this year. Male voices are still needed to play Santa.

Breakfast with Santa will be December 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am. – 11:00 am. Vern will be Santa again this year. Louise has ordered the crafts for about 200 projects. Other crafts will be reindeer using donuts and possibly Christmas Trees if enough frosting and candy is left over from the gingerbread houses.

Old Business:

The funnelator event will be held Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> or Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. The committee will confirm the date at the next meeting. Jim M. is the coordinator of this event and will be emailing the committee with a revised listing of the things that needs to be done. Jessica will contact the gym teacher at the high school to see if Jim M. and perhaps another committee member can come to a class to do a demonstration of how the funnelator works.

We are hoping that there will be enough snow this year to have the event but if not we could contact Everett Area for the ice shavings. There is enough materials to make 25 kits that requires a 3 man team.

The committee inquired about the status of the relocation of the ice rink and Jessica hadn't heard anything for a few weeks. The last plan that DPW & Neal, town administrator, was to locate the rink across from the dump on land that the town has an easement on. One reason for this location was the closeness of water to fill the rink and water for resurfacing. The committee was not in favor of this location due to the distance from town and would not be visible. The committee has requested that the ice rink be built in the field in front of the library. This location would be very visible to the public, access to rest rooms and Jim L. will discuss with the acting fire chief if the tanker truck could be used to fill the rink and for resurfacing when necessary. DPW will have to start soon if we are going to have an ice rink this year.

Jessica has set the date of June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Fisher Cats game where the committee will be able to hold the 50% - 50% raffle. Jessica will be provided with discounted tickets that will be sold prior to the event. Kids will receive a ticket to enter into a drawing for throwing the first pitch.

#### Other Business:

The Santa calling sheets are slowly coming in and will be made available at the Breakfast with Santa. Ed K. & Vern will be available to make the calls and other committee members need to check their availability.

Only a few Holiday Light Judging contest sign up sheets have been returned to date. There will be small prizes given for the winners.

Mark N. brought in the large commercial American Flag that was being sold by an aquatint. This has been discussed in past meetings as an item we would like to purchase to hang on the barn especially during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. The committee voted to give Mark permission to spend up to \$200 for the purchasing of the flag.

The next scheduled meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup> due to no meeting being held in December and the need to meet in early January to firm up the plans for the funnelator event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.