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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2022 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jackie Christensen

Gregory Partham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Putnam Kidder, New London Recreation Director

Directors Report

Putnam Kidder reported that Winter Carnival is moving forward and will be held on February 4-6, 2022. Events on Saturday, February 5, 2022, will include a fireworks, snowshoeing, ice skating tours, cross country skiing and activities on the town green. There are a small number of snowshoes available for people to borrow. The makeup weather date for this event will be Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Ausbon Sargent is also planning a tour of the Messer property from 1-4 on February 6, 2022 and asked if we wanted to collaborate with them. There will be parking at Spring Ledge Farm and will have a snowshoe/cross country ski event on the property. There will be 13 information stations and a scavenger hunt. The Chamber of Commerce will be doing a passport/card punch event at local businesses. All cards that are fully punched will be entered into a raffle.

Mr. Kidder suggested asking for sponsors to contribute to the fireworks display. He also discussed placing a full size add in the shopper of all the events and getting sponsors for that.

Mr. Kidder reported that hockey at the rink near the town green is suspended as there are too many pucks going over the netting on the New London Inn side. The risk is injury to Inn guests or cars parked there. The netting is not very high but should be sufficient for playing pond hockey. It is a safety issue and there was discussion about the possibility of purchasing higher netting. Mr. Kidder will discuss the option of having designated hockey nights that are supervised by volunteers with Justin Garzia. The warming hut will stay open however, masks should be worn when inside.

New Mission Statement

Mr. Kidder would like Recreation Commission members to start thinking about a new logo and slogan. A suggestion was made to make this into a contest. A new mission statement was proposed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Other Business

Jackie Christensen would like the Recreation Commission to brainstorm creative ways building up our social media presence. She suggested encouraging people to take photos doing things that promote outdoor activity and posting to the New London Recreation facebook page.

Adjourn

**IT WAS MOVED (Jackie Christensen) AND SECONDED (Gregory Partham) to adjourn.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson

Recording Secretary
Town of New London