

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2020

PRESENT: Justin Garzia, Pete Hamel, Janet Kidder, Carol Kinzler (via Zoom), Lyndsay Harkins (via Zoom), Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Also Present: Peter Smith, Gerry Coogan and Joe Cardillo

Replacing the Recreation Director to a part-time or full-time position was discussed.

Janet requested a decision be made as to the Recreation Activities that have recently taken place, in order to determine the amount of time a new director would be required.

- 1) Oversight of the beaches, facilities and equipment (i.e., boats, docks, septic systems, bathrooms, etc.). **Yes – Town**
- 2) After school programs. No decision was made. Some members were in favor of continuing town sponsored after school programs, other members were not.
- 3) Strawberry Festival, Chili Cook-off, Pumpkin People Contest, Easter Egg Hunt, Haunted Halloween Walk, Winter Carnival Activities and Jack Frost Dinner, Hospital Day Triathlon, Parade Participation. **Yes – Town**
However, it was noted that some other organizations may be willing to oversee some of the special events.
- 4) Skating Rink, ice maintenance, lending ice skates and snow shoes, oversight of the warming hut – **Yes – Town**
- 5) Trail maintenance and trail activities (summer and winter). No decision.
- 6) Maintain inventory of all town property. **Yes - Town**
- 7) Summer Day Camp (including trips to various venues). **No**
It was noted that day camp might be provided by an outside organization, but it must be clearly understood that New London beaches would not be available for access.
- 8) Activities for seniors – trips to flower shoes, lunches, various destinations in the area. **Yes – Town**
However, it was felt that a bus drive should be hired for those trips instead of the Recreation Director driving.

Justin will present these recommendations to the Selectmen on Monday night, and, they can determine whether or not a full or part-time director is needed.

Justin noted that the Commission needs another member.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Kidder