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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES November 23, 2021 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jackie Christensen
Chris Lorio, chaired in place of Justin
Kim Ilg
Greg Parthum

OTHERS PRESENT:

Putnam Kidder, New London Recreation Director (via Zoom)
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Volunteer Interest Application: Tara Stone, current applicant for one of the open positions

IT WAS MOVED (Jackie C.) AND SECONDED (Chris L.) to recommend Tara Stone for appointment to the Recreation Commission. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Selectmen.

Putnam informed the Commission that Scott Fitzgerald, Athletic Director at KRHS, has indicated an interest in joining the Recreation Commission. Putnam was asked to direct Scott to the town website for a Volunteer Interest form to submit.

Commission members expressed an interest in getting a variety of age groups to join the Commission.

Potential request for use of rec van by school district

Kim Hallquist explained that Justin Garzia was approached by Scott Fitzgerald, Athletic Director at the KSHS, for use of the town's recreation van to transport student hockey players to practice and games this winter. We are awaiting follow up from the school AD about details of their proposed use so the request can be considered; it will also need Selectmen's approval.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Members discussed the Chairmanship of the Commission; Justin has coaching commitments this winter so he will not be available at all meetings so it was decided that a member who was available at a more regular basis should be appointed Chair.

IT WAS MOVED (Kim I.) AND SECONDED (Chris L.) to appoint Jackie C as Chair. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Justin remains a member of the Recreation Commission.

Reviewed consistent meeting dates, Thursdays at 5:30, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary, next meeting scheduled for

Recreation Director update:

*New London Under the Stars, Santa on the green, Dec. 11 5-8

- Partnering with the Chamber of Commerce for the event
- Make sure sidewalks are cleared prior to event, Seamans to Pleasant St – Putnam will coordinate with Public Works
- The Commission discussed the advertising budget for the event, Putnam recommended splitting the cost of the advertising with the Chamber of Commerce.

IT WAS MOVED (Jackie C) AND SECONDED (Greg P) to split the cost of advertising the New London Under the Stars event with the Chamber of Commerce. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

* Winter Carnival-

- Mid Feb, get more weeklong events, variety of events, not traditional Jack Frost outdoor diner form
- Atlas fireworks, have been contacted, Putnam will follow up with them

Other business

*Upcoming Regional Rec. Meeting in mid. Dec., Putnam will attend and will invite the new Outing Club Executive Director to attend as well.

*Follow up on survey results on rec. needs for community, follow up with CSC maybe student could assist with?

Adjourn

IT WAS MOVED (Chris) AND SECONDED (Jackie) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Putnam Kidder
Recreation Director
Town of New London