

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2018

PRESENT: Justin Garzia, Laura Lorio, Joy Kubit, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

The Minutes of September, 2018 were accepted. There was no meeting in October.

There were 41 entrants in the Pumpkin People Contest, and, once again, it was well received. Over 500 members of the community voted for their favorites.

Thirty children participated in Youth Flag Football for five weeks. The activity was open to children in 1st through 5th grade.

This was the fourth year of the Chad Denning Memorial Walk to School. Scott coordinated the walk with the police department, CSC and the fire department.

Despite moving the date of Trick or Treating, the weather was perfect on Friday, October 26th. The Haunted Halloween Walk was cancelled, but that did not prevent the children from enjoying the Halloween activity. Lyndsay Lund has volunteered to coordinate the event for 2019. Lyndsay will poll parents and businesses to determine the best date for Trick or Treating, if it is not held on Halloween. Lyndsay will also solicit donations for candy. She will be the point person for all things Halloween, and, will work with Scott and Kim Hallquist to guarantee a smooth event. It was decided that the time for Trick or Treating will be from 5-8pm (Main Street will be closed).

Adult drop-in basketball is Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm at KRMS.

Chili Fest was well attended with over 100 people sampling chili from 12 providers. The Historical Society had Halloween activities in the meeting house.

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Scott is exploring locations for cross-country and snow shoeing trails with the Conservation Commission and Colby-Sawyer College.

The Commission will review the By-Laws.

The Commission will meet with the selectmen on November 19th to discuss recommendations for space needs.

Scott has had a variety of trips for seniors (eight per year). He has coordinated the trips with COA and the VNA. These have been well received.

Village Sports has donated 200 pairs of skates and 24 pairs of snow shoes for use by members of the community. Scott will contact the principal at New London Elementary School that the skates will be available to the children. Justin will keep the skate sharpener at his house, and, will sharpen the skates as needed.

The skating rink will not be set up until the ground is frozen (it was put up too soon last year before the ground was hard).

Winter Carnival will be February 7 through February 9 on the Colby-Sawyer College Campus. Scott had the first meeting with college representatives recently.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Wednesday morning, December 5 at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder