

TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2017

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

Santa arrived last Friday by fire truck (5:30 pm, New London Inn). More than 100 children were able to make their Christmas wishes known.

The inserts for the ice rink have been permanently installed, and, the poles should be finished soon. However, the ground must be frozen before the posts and netting are erected. The rink is on the green, but it has been too warm to skate. Justin will contact other hockey parents, and, come up with a schedule for free skating and hockey. Scott will have more prominent signs created, indicating hours and whether the rink is open.

On Thursday, Scott is taking a group to the Yankee Candle Factory in Deerfield, Massachusetts. He has plans for trips to the Lincoln Ice Castles in February, and, the Boston Flower Show in March.

Scott reviewed the budget he has prepared for tonight's selectmen's meeting. It was noted that there will be a head life guard at each of the beaches, and, when that person is not on duty, another life guard will assume that role. These individuals will know how to attach docks, etc. Scott feels that extended hours in the early fall will only be necessary at Elkins, since the grills are there. Scott will contact CSC about possible candidates for waterfront positions. Laura will contact Signe Linville for suggestions, as well.

There was a brief discussion of the ongoing need for a community center, but it was agreed that until a site has been located, there is no point in making plans.

Scott outlined the various activities for Winter Carnival on February 1, 2 and 3. He is working closing with the Chamber of Commerce and Colby-Sawyer College. Many of the activities will take place at the college. Some of the activities at the college are a bridge tournament, two movie presentations, comedian (no charge), basketball games, Jack Frost dinner, etc. A magic show will take place at Tracy

Memorial Library. There will be snowshoeing, s'mores party and fireworks. Joy will help Scott with contacting restaurants and Laura will post a sign-up sheet on line for volunteers.

There was a brief discussion about the vacancy on the commission, and, it was noted that whomever joins the group should be able to come to the meetings and assist with the various activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet R. Kidder