

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 1, 2018

PRESENT: Carol Kinzler, Lori Lavolpicelo, Justin Garzia, Pete Hamel, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

The Minutes of April 3, 2018 were approved.

Pete has filled out the paperwork for joining the Commission, and, the Selectmen need to approve his appointment.

Scott reported that there are still some tickets available for the Boston Red Sox trip on May 20th.

The June 5th trip to Foster's Clam Bake is sold out.

Scott and his family took the trip to Ireland last week. It was fantastic – well organized in every way. Collette Travel was the travel agent (same company that arranged the New Orleans trip last year) through the Recreation Department. The trip next year will be to the Southwest. The trip earned the Recreation Department \$1085.00.

The day camps are full, with the track and field group starting May 10th (25 children, ages 9-14). The rest of the camps are filling up.

Touch a Truck day is May 5th at the Shopping Center. Free Hot Dog day is May 18th, and donations will be accepted for camp scholarships. Scott has scholarship money for 10-12 children at this time. The Strawberry Festival is June 23 and 40 vendors are signed up (32 last year), and, there is music and activities for children throughout the day.

Scott spoke to New London Rotary a couple of weeks ago, and was glad for the opportunity to speak to a local group.

The fencing at Bucklin Beach (lake side next to building) needs to be replaced. Scott has gotten an estimate from Andover Fencing for \$2,950.00. This is a safety

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issue. The fence will be replaced before Memorial Day. The money should come from the Department's budget. The material will be cedar, and, Justin advised that it be sealed after one year.

The skating rink did not have any holes from this past winter and has been removed.

The beaches will be open Memorial Day weekend and Scott has a full staff.

Pete Hamel installed the electricity for the enclosure at Elkins Beach storage area. This was a donation of approximately \$1200.00 for the work performed. The storage area is accessible from both sides of the building now, and, has room for numerous items. The little storage shed has been moved to South Pleasant Street.

Scott has been contacted by the NH Fish and Game Department that there will be a hearing in June in New London, regarding moorings.

Carol suggested that it might be fun to have a town square dancing event. Scott noted that there is a group that meets regularly, and, we should contact them. Justin noted that the Historical Society barn would be a good location for the dancing.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder