

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 6, 2017

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

Also attending: Gerry Gold, New London resident

Mr. Gold was present to report on his communication with JT Horn of the Trust for Public Land, regarding easements. Mr. Gold was interested in having a park on the Pleasant Street land next to Bittersweet. He has been in contact with the Conservation Commission, and, knows that they will be preparing an easement for this property. Mr. Gold would like to have passive recreational use (for example, hiking trails) on the property, and, therefore, have a broad definition of use for the easement. Mr. Gold will continue discussion with the Conservation Commission.

Scott reported that he had taken 13 seniors to Foster's Clam Bake in York, Maine. It was a great trip.

Scott has also been working with COA on future senior trips to Indian Head and Jean's Play House in Lincoln, NH

The Strawberry Festival will be Saturday, June 24th on the Town Common. Thirty five vendors will be participating (there were 30 last year). Scott has volunteers to help with serving the strawberry shortcake, etc. He will contact the Commissioners if he needs more assistance with cleaning the strawberries.

Day Camp and swimming lessons are 85% full at this time.

There have been 30 children attending the track and field program. It will conclude at the end of June. CSC has offered its facilities at no charge.

Next, there was a discussion of the type of recreational facilities the Commissioners would like to see in a community building. It was decided to take

a field trip to the Meredith Community Center. The visit will be Wednesday, June 14th.

Since the Commission had previously voted to put a net around the skating rink (for safety reasons), it was agreed it was necessary to go forward. The net is here, and, the poles will be fabricated.

After checking with the school district, CSC and the police, Scott recommended that Trick or Treating and the haunted walk be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017. The Commission agreed with the date.

Scott did not think there would be any shortfall in the 2017 budget. In fact, due to the weather, beach staff has not be required.

It was suggested that the Post Office in Elkins post their hours of operation. It would allow post office reserved parking to be used, when the post office is not open. Scott will speak to Kim Hallquist about arranging this.

The shed for Bucklin Beach has been built and will be moved to the site soon. The shed for Elkins Beach will be built on site.

It was suggested that there be a designated area for staff to take their mandatory breaks, and, that they are given a plain t-shirt to put over their staff suit/t-shirt during their break. Also, a locker be provided for them to put any staff equipment (for example, whistles) when not in use.

Scott has ordered two docks for Elkins and one for Bucklin.

Laura noted, that in her capacity as chairman of the PTO, she has been working to have an outdoor basketball court built at New London Elementary School. Scott has been very helpful in working with her on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder