

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 3, 2018

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

Also present: Nancy Rollins, Selectman

Scott noted that a number of items are being left at the beaches. It was suggested that a tub with ventilation be placed unobtrusively at each beach for lost and found items.

Scott reported that the new fence has been erected at Bucklin Beach; there has been some mischief at the beaches with boats being untied; and, the bathrooms are being cleaned daily.

The Strawberry Festival was a huge success with 500 servings of strawberry shortcake being consumed; 80 vendors participated; The Flames performed as well as a traveling troupe from UNH; and, Nicole Densmore's three piece ensemble. The Chamber and area restaurants supported this event.

Nancy reported on the Outing Club's plans for a facility to be erected at the Outing Club Park. The Outing Club recently signed a three-year commitment with the School District to use their current facilities, but the Board has determined that they will outgrow that facility. Nancy is on the Steering Committee, and noted there are other committees that need a few more volunteers. The Outing Club intends to have a proposal ready in September, and they want community input.

The summer day camps are full with 50-60 participants each week. Archery is taking place at the Elkins Fish and Game Club.

There was discussion of the number of life rafts (3) at each beach, and whether another is needed. Scott will check with the life guards and swim instructors.

The beaches have been regularly tested for bacteria. The water is very clean.

The lake hosts have been concerned about paddle boards being launched outside the swim area. The concern is there might be invasive material attached to a board.

There is \$10,000.00 remaining in the 2018 budget due to colder weather last summer, and, not as many staff needed at the beaches.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder