

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2018

Present: Carol Kinzler, Pete Hamel, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

The minutes of July 3, 2018 were not accepted since a quorum was not present.

Hospital Days: There were a number of events that were cancelled due to the weather, but the ones that took place were successful. The Recreation Department was in charge of the Triathlon. The recreation van, sound system and staff were used for this event. The cost to the Department was approximately \$1000.00. The septic system at Bucklin Beach was pumped an additional time.

Both beaches have been tested for bacteria, and although the tests indicated a slight elevation, they were both still well below accepted levels.

Swimming, sailing and the camps have all been successful.

Staff are starting to leave for college, but the high school and Colby-Sawyer students will still be available to work.

The bathrooms will be open through the Columbus Day weekend. The swim rafts will be at Bucklin until that weekend, but the rafts at Elkins will be pulled prior to the work that will be performed at the dam in September. There have been no complaints about the cleanliness of the bathrooms.

Cheryl LaPrade of Village Sports will review her inventory and see if there is equipment that will be available to the Town at a discount or a donation.

Bucklin Beach improvements include the fencing that has been replaced; the paddle boards have been relocated; and damaged playground equipment will be removed and replaced. There is a damaged tree that will be removed at Elkins, and tables will be replaced at both beaches (the tables are more than five years old). Money from the Revolving Fund will be used for the purchase of tables.

Registration has started for the fall offering of flag football, and, Scott is coordinating with COA for future trips.

Janet suggested getting a trailer for the snowmobile and establish trails for cross country skiing and snow shoeing this winter. Scott will check with the Conservation Commission about the best trails to maintain.

Halloween is Wednesday, October 31, and, Scott conferred with the Police Department about the best date for the town's celebration. They agreed Saturday, October 27 is the best date for Trick or Treating. The Haunted Walk will take place and is presented by the Colby Sawyer players.

The meeting concluded at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder