

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
September 4, 2018

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

Also Present: Virginia Tappen

Mrs. Tappen has a pickle ball group that is looking for a location to play pickle ball. She noted the problems they are having with the current facilities. However, since the Recreation Department does not have a gym or tennis courts (which can be modified for pickle ball), the Town is unable to offer pickle ball. In the event the Town has access to courts, Scott will contact Mrs. Tappen.

The Pumpkin People contest will start October 1 and end October 31st.

Youth Flag Football starts September 18, and, the activity is full.

Scott will coordinate the Chad Denning Walk to School with CSC and the school district.

The Haunted Halloween Walk and Trick or Treating will taking place on Saturday, October 27th. The Colby Sawyer Players will again participate in the haunted walk.

Men's adult drop-in basketball will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30 till 8:30 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School in Sutton. It is free to participate.

The Village Sports Shop contacted Scott and notified him they will close during the winter months due to slow activity. They are giving their ice skates and a skate sharpener to the Town. The skates will be available in the warming hut.

Justin noted that USA Youth Hockey holds "Try Hockey For Free" events and one will be held at Proctor Academy. Justin is trying to get an event for the Town's skating rink as well.

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Scott indicated the rink liner came through last winter in good shape. However, when the liner needs to be replaced, he will look into a package that includes boards. The mounds of snow tend to slide into the rink over the course of a winter. Pete offered to improve the lighting at the rink.

It was noted that disc golf might be considered, as it is a popular activity.

The 3rd annual Chili Fest will take place on Friday, October 19 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the New London Historical Society.

Trips are being planned for the winter months, and Scott has tickets for a Bruins game.

Scott indicated the budget for 2018 was not overspent. The following items were purchased with revolving funds: 4 picnic tables; paddle boards, kayaks and paddles. The van payment will also come out of the revolving fund.

The following items have been donated to the Recreation Department: a kayak rack; ski goggles and a canoe.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder