

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2017

PRESENT: Casey Biuso, Lori Lavolpicelo, Laura Lorio, Lyndsay Lund, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

The Minutes of July 5, 2017 were accepted.

Scott reviewed the Recreation Department events for Hospital Days, which included the Manchester Mounted Police on Thursday night. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting this event from 5-7pm.

There will be face painting on Friday night and Saturday morning. The Rec van will be in the parade on Saturday, and 12 lifeguards will be on hand for the triathlon on Sunday. Supplying life guards costs about \$1000.00. Scott noted that the Police and Fire Departments also make significant contributions with personnel monitoring events.

There followed a discussion about the donation the Town makes to the Hospital. Nevertheless, it was felt that it is important to support Hospital Days.

The meeting with non-resident taxpayers will be Saturday, August 12th at 7:30 am. Scott will be there to answer any questions and provide an overview of the Recreation Department.

Next, there was a review of the 2017 budget and Revolving Fund (which ended June 30, 2017). Scott will present his 2019 budget to the Commission for their input, prior to review by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

A discussion of oversight of the beach staff followed. In order for Scott to spend more time monitoring the beaches, a staff person should be available at the office to answer questions, sign up participants and take money for the lessons. It is a challenge to oversee two beaches and summer camp activities. Therefore, it was recommended Scott increase the budget for staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder