

TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2017

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

Also Attending: Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator and Gerry Gold, New London resident

Mr. Gold was present to discuss ideas for the Pleasant Street property acquired at the 2016 Town Meeting. He has spoken with the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission spearheaded the purchase of the property, and, the funds were taken from the conservation land purchase account. Mr. Gold suggested that a town park would be a good use of this property. There followed discussion of various uses. Easements could be attached to the property that might allow more than just walking trails. The Commission expressed interest in exploration of the possibilities for use of this property.

Lyndsay noted that one of the groups that Scott has successfully partnered with is the Center for the Arts, and that notation should be included in the March, 2017 minutes. The Minutes of March 2017 were then approved.

Flower Show Trip – was full and everyone enjoyed the show.

Kim reviewed a Revolving Fund document that she and Scott have been working on, outlining the Revolving Fund policy. The policy has not changed, but offers more of an explanation of how the funds are used. This policy will be given to the Budget Committee, as some members do not seem to understand how a revolving fund works.

Also, Kim explained the process for staff evaluations. When Scott's next evaluation is due, Kim will let the Commission know in order for them to give input.

Laura mentioned there will be a showing of *Screenagers*. This film addresses the use of technology by children and teenagers.

The Recreation Commission agreed to request the Selectmen to authorize \$4,500.00 from the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for the poles and netting for the ice skating rink. This request would fall under non-beach maintenance.

The adult Easter Egg Hunt will be at the NL Historical Society on Friday night, April 14<sup>th</sup> and the children's egg hunt will be Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am, also at the Historical Society. There are wonderful items hidden for the adults on Friday night.

The storage shed for Bucklin Beach is almost ready, and, the one for Elkins will be built next. Scott is working with Lucy St. John, Zoning Administrator, regarding the location of the shed at Bucklin Beach. The Bucklin family placed certain restrictions on the gift of the beach to the Town. Scott had pictures of the area, before and after the road was moved. The shed will be on the part of the property that was once a town road, not originally part of the beach.

There was discussion of the interns from Colby-Sawyer College. Lyndsay has met with them, and, noted there were programs that they were supposed to run, but did not. Lyndsay will work with the CSC students next fall, and outline the responsibilities an internship entails.

Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Commission will need to decide when to hold the Haunted Walk and Trick or Treating. Scott noted that attendance was higher for the Haunted Walk when it was held on a Saturday night.

The entire day camp staff will be back, and, 80% of the waterfront staff will return. Scott has received quite a few applications for the remaining positions. Noelle Surette (the assistant women's basketball coach at CSC) will be the waterfront director.

The beaches will open Memorial Day weekend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet R. Kidder