

## Recreation Commission Agenda

Thursday, October 6, 2022

5:30 PM Whipple Hall

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1. Review and approve minutes from September 1, 2022 meeting

### Rec. Director Report:

- Flag Football on Green Mondays from 3-4:30, 16 participants, 3-4 graders, coed, very positive so far. Highlights importance of that after school time period 3-5 PM as being a desirable time for activities.
- Rotary Family Fun Fest, question about whether there is any intention to continue Activity Fund in any to support these types of local events in the future?
- Full-time Director position is currently advertised.
- **\*Halloween.** There were some people that were expressing disappointment about the decision to not close Main Street for Trick or Treating. These people were reaching out to find out more details about the decision and the reasoning behind it. People have expressed interest in attending Selectmen's meeting Thursday 10/6 to share their opinions. I think that following that meeting we will have a firmer idea of what the final plan is. However, this shakes out Rec. Department is committed to offering safe Halloween fun for the community. The more people that we can get to commit to volunteer for the events to help out the better.
- Update 10/6: Decision was made to close off smaller section of Main Street for a shorter period of time to allow for Trick or Treating. 4-6 PM Sunday 10/30. Currently, the Rec. Department is planning two events for Halloween. Sunday 10/30 5-8 PM Town-wide trick or treating with Halloween games and activities on the SAU fields to be held at the same time.
- Update 10/6: The Rec. Department will move previously planned events and relocate and adapt them on Main Street with the Rec. Van, hand out candy and have a few smaller scale Halloween themed activities 4-6 PM Sunday 10/30.
- Monday 10/31 FREE Spooky Tales with Simon Brooks 6:30-8:30 at Whipple, two performances, 6:30-7:15 for younger audience, 7:30-8:30 for more hardy/older audience, also have the event serve as a food drive for Cougar Cubby at KRESNL. \$300 for performance will be taken out of NLREC special events budget.
- This serves as a valuable learning opportunity moving forward to be as proactive and organized as possible in planning these large-scale events as a Department and as a Commission.
- Update on Main Street Candy Drive. It is important to support the residences/businesses that still get the highest volume of Trick or Treaters. Putnam - will we be advertising the

details of the Candy Drive soon and setting up collection areas? (Hannafords, Colonial, etc?)

- I think we'll want to do a separate advertising campaign to promote the Simon Brooks storytelling event. Simon can help us put together posters/social media posts. Can we get something circulated by next week that clarifies the two versions as well as the Cougar Cubby food drive?
- Speaking of being proactive. Santa via Firetruck event. Santa is not available from Nov. 30 to Dec. 14th. What about having the event take place on Sunday 11/27? Kick off the holiday season, people will most likely be back from Thanksgiving travels, event 3-5 on the Green?

2. Other Business?
3. Next meeting scheduled for?
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