

RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, Sept. 7th, 2023

Syd Crook Conference Room

5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jackie Christensen (Chair)

Chris Lorio (Co-Chair)

Justin Garzia

Tara Stone

OTHERS PRESENT:

Putnam Kidder, Recreation Director

John Ellis, Resident

Meeting Start:

5:30 PM

IT WAS MOVED by Chris Lorio AND SECONDED by Jackie Christensen to accept Minutes from Rec. Commission Meeting on 6/1/23 THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED by Jackie Christensen AND SECONDED by Justin Garzia to accept Minutes from Rec. Commission Meeting on 7/13/23 THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED by Jackie Christensen AND SECONDED by Chris Lorio to accept Minutes from Rec. Commission Meeting on 8/10/23 THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Past Rec. Commission member Scott Fitzgerald is stepping down and Commission thanks him for his time and effort as a part of the Commission.

Filling two open slots on Commission was discussed, one potential candidate has been approached and is interested in the role. Discussion around doing some rewording in bylaws of Commission to further clarify what the role of Commission members will look like moving forward.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director reviewed ongoing work on developing 2025 budget for the Rec. Dept.

Beaches update. Season wrapped up. Numbers were lower than usual given wet weather. Director continues to follow up on proposal for improvements to dock and line anchor systems.

Flag Football program starting soon. 3-5Th graders on the Green, Mondays 3-4:30, co-sponsored with Outing Club, 16 participants registered so far.

Survey being developed to share with residents/community/program participants to help gather feedback and help clarify interest for current and future programs and events and also assess current usage of recreational spaces in Town.

Colby-Sawyer College, collaboration with Graphic Design/Marketing class to help revamp the logo and promotional materials for Rec. Department, class starts in January.

Halloween planning committee continues to meet and organize event. Sunday 10/29 4-6 PM Trick or Treat (Main Street closure), 5-7 PM Outing Club Sponsored Dance, SAU Gym, 6-8 PM Spooky Trail, trails behind SAU

Winter Carnival planned for Thursday 2/1 through Sunday 2/4, planning will commence soon.

Next Meeting Scheduled For:

Thursday 10/5 at 5:30 at Whipple Conference Room

Adjourn:

6:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Putnam Kidder

Recreation Director

Town of New London

