

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

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

ALSO PRESENT: Center for the Arts representatives: Jean Connolly, Nicole Southworth and Kathy Todd

Scott reviewed the collaboration between the Center for the Arts and the Recreation Department. All classes held at Whipple are provided by instructors whom Scott has performed background checks. The previous split for classes has been 80/20, but Scott feels 70/30 is appropriate (70% to the instructor, 15% to the Recreation Department and 15% for advertising). There was some discussion about the defined percentage, but it was noted that seasonal classes are charged by the hour. A Motion was made and unanimously approved to have a 70/30% split with the instructor.

The CFA representatives did not feel this would present a problem in obtaining instructors for various classes.

Jean mentioned that the CFA is charged a fee for their meetings and First Friday events, as well as performing arts events. She will attend a Selectmen's meeting to request that these fees be waived.

Jean noted that there are a number of art related trips (at least 24 different destinations) that would be valuable for seniors. Scott has partnered with COA and CFA on trips, but he will not always be able to drive the van. Therefore, it would seem advantageous to have another certified driver for the van to increase senior trips. Kathy stated that seniors enjoy taking trips not only for the destination, but also spending time with other folks.

Under Old Business, Scott is going to have a map created of the locations of Pumpkin People (the contest is from October 1st to 31st), in order that people can visit the sites.

Scott outlined the other fall activities.

Justin indicated the poles for the skating rink are being fabricated. They will be six feet long, and it was agreed to not paint the poles (they are aluminum). If they do not look suitable after the first winter, they can be painted.

The shed at Elkins is to be moved. Scott indicated that closing in the back of the bathhouse, moving the foot washing station and electrical work would be approximately \$2500.00. It was agreed to use the money in the Revolving Fund for this work. Matt has time now to enclose the bath house, and, will start. Scott has contacted Miller Plumbing and Heating. Millers will move the foot washing station and donate their time and labor to the Town.

It was agreed to take the fencing for Bucklin out of the Recreation Budget.

Lyndsay Lund has submitted her resignation due to too many commitments.

There are 6 senior trips planned for the fall and winter.

Scott is preparing the 2019 Recreation Budget. Scott was instructed to increase the budget for staff, not only office, but also beach staff.

Names suggested for the Recreation Commission are Joy Kubit, Mary Eysenbach, Carol Kinzer and Patty McGoldrick.

Laura said she might not be able to continue as chairman, if she assumes the chairmanship of the New London PTO.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Kidder