

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 18, 2020

PRESENT: Joy Kubit, Carol Kinzler, Justin Garzia, Janet Kidder, Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

Scott reported that the activities at the beaches are going well, and have not had capacity crowds yet. The bathrooms are clean, and, there is a full staff at both beaches. The post that had been damaged at Elkins has been repaired.

The Governor has not issued guidelines for opening beaches fully at this time.

It appears that Bucklin is busier during the day, and, Elkins sees a greater increase in activity in the evening.

All the parking restrictions are being observed.

Scott would like to open the playground areas and put more picnic tables back. He will speak to Chief Cobb, Chief Lyon and Lou Botta regarding their thoughts on doing this. Scott will make sure Kim Hallquist is in agreement as well.

Day camp will start next Monday. There will be 5 pods at the Baptist Church and 2 pods at Whipple. These areas will be used in case of rain and for bathrooms. Camp Coniston is lending two vans to transport campers and will allow visits for swimming and hiking. The Church and Camp Coniston are not charging the Town for use of their facilities and vehicles. A donation may be accepted.

All fees for swimming and sailing lessons have been returned.

A social media policy for pictures has been established, as well as policies for campers, parents and staff. All policies have been posted.

Alexis is the beach manager and will work 5 days/week, splitting her time between Elkins and Bucklin. Logan is the assistant beach manager. There will always be a beach manager at the beaches.

Scott has already received inquiries regarding fall programs.

The next meeting is July 8 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Kidder