

Town of New London  
Recreation Commission Meeting  
Whipple Town Hall  
February 4, 2014, 5:00pm

Members Present: Laura Lorio, Laura James and Janet Kidder

Members Absent: Jason Stadler and Alison McLean

Staff Present: Scott Blewitt (Recreation Director) and Kim Hallquist (Town Administrator)

**Winter Carnival:**

All present agreed what a great success the Winter Carnival had been. It was well attended and local businesses (restaurants and shops) were delighted with so many people in town this time of year.

Scott asked the members to consider whether the event should be held the same time next year, or, perhaps in February. Planning for next year's event will start in September or October.

Scott noted that the reason the event was successful was because local businesses and organizations worked together to make the events fun. He felt that since he and the Recreation Commission worked with organizations for Hospital Day, many groups wanted to help with the Winter Carnival event. Scott indicated that there were other organizations and individuals that wanted to help with the event next year. It was noted that Scott has a tremendous network for special events and he was thanked for all his hard work to make the week so much fun.

Scott noted that the fireworks were paid for entirely with donations, and the final cost of all the weeklong events will be less than \$1700.00. This money will be taken for special events from the revolving fund. Three hundred tickets were sold for the Jack Frost dinner at \$10.00/each for adults, \$5 for kids over 8, and kids under 8 were free. There were some donations as well, for a total of \$2150.00. Expenses were: \$3055.00 for the tent (heated with stage); \$700.00 for horse/wagon; \$700.00 band and \$325.00 for the wood (used all of it).

**Father/Daughter Dance:**

Scott noted that this event is still in the planning stage and he is hoping to get a group of mothers to assist with the dance. It is planned for March.

**Foxwoods Trip:**

This trip for adults will cost \$35.00/person for the bus ride. The bus will take 55 people. This trip will be in March.

**X-country Trail:**

Since the town owns a snowmobile, Janet wondered if it would be worthwhile to lay out a cross-country trail around the bandstand on the town common. The thought was that people could take a run and get some quick exercise during the day, or be used for some type of competition. Everyone thought the idea had merit and might be worth trying in the future.

The Minutes of January 6, 2014 were approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 4th at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Kidder  
Town of New London