

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
WHIPPLE TOWN HALL

June 3, 2014

PRESENT: Laura Lorio, Janet Kidder, Kim Hallquist and Scott Blewitt

ALSO PRESENT: Gusta Teach and Jean C. Connolly (representatives for Center for the Arts)

Jean Connolly presented an overview of the offerings of the Center for the Arts. All events are free, and the group lists activities that are going on in the community. They had hoped the 1941 building would become available because they need space for their programs. Since that did not happen, they would like to partner with the Town of New London (specifically the Recreation Department) in order to offer programs for adults. They would like to be able to use Whipple Hall at very reasonable rates to offer programs. Scott will work with them to try to organize a schedule that will work for everyone.

Scott noted that the van is at Patten Auto Body.

The new computer program is working out very well. It is easy to use for among other things, on-line registrations. It costs the Town approximately \$2000.00 less per year than the old system.

Two canoes have been donated from South Church in Newport. Scott reported they are in good shape.

Several docks will need to be repainted. "Restore" paint flaked on three of four docks, and, a different paint will be used. The paint is water based and will not harm the environment.

Scott purchased new whiskey barrels (Elkins) and replaced the window boxes (Bucklin). The Garden Club will take care of the plantings and were pleased to have structurally sound containers.

The swim lines have been put out.

Janet noted there had been some question as to the moorings in Elkins. She pointed out that the State allows moorings on smaller lakes (Pleasant and Little Lake Sunapee). All NH lakes are the property of the residents of New Hampshire. A boat on a mooring may not swing into swimming lanes, and the owner may not cross private land to reach his boat. Elkins has a boat launch and, therefore, public access.

There was some discussion of dogs at the parks. Dogs are not allowed on the beaches. New London does not have a leash law. However, state law prohibits nuisance dogs and the police may pick up the dog if there is a problem. Scott will have signs made noting no dogs are allowed on the beaches and will alert the staff to this fact.

The floors will be painted at both bathrooms. The beach attendants will maintain the bathrooms and water the flowers.

A puppet show has been scheduled for children at Elkins, and, there will be more arts and crafts offerings.

Scott will speak to Richard Lee about the drainage grates at Elkins. The slats are wide enough for a small foot to get caught. Also, Scott has asked Richard to have the tree pruned by the bathroom at Elkins.

The plastic dock at Elkins will be replaced.

Expenditures are all within the budget.

Scott will get estimates for making a bathroom at Elkins ADA compliant. Also estimates for replacing the fence at Elkins and new signs at both beaches.

There was some question as to the date of the next meeting. Scott will check with the members and let everyone know.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder