

TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
WHIPPLE TOWN HALL  
JULY 8, 2014

PRESENT: Allison McLean, Jason Stadler, Laura James, Scott Blewitt and Janet Kidder

Scott reported that the body work on the van has been completed for a cost of \$5900.00 at Patten Auto. Walker Automotive replaced the studded tires with new tires; performed ball joint repair; changed the oil and inspected the van (cost - \$1200.00). Scott noted there are only 44k miles on the van and the engine is in good working order. Richard Lee has indicated the van can be kept in the Maintenance Building off Pleasant Street.

Rec Desk online program has been a real asset regarding registrations; on-line payments (34k has gone through the program thus far, although many registrants still choose to pay by check or cash to avoid the 2% fee for credit card use); and, it is less expensive than the previous. It is an easy program to use for staff and registrants (if a program is full, the user can see that).

Combined lifeguard training with New London and Sunapee waterfront staff has taken place at Dewey Beach in Sunapee, and there will be another training scheduled for both town at Elkins. The New London Fire Department will participate as well.

The 6hp, 4 stroke motor purchased in 2007 for use on the 12' aluminum boat at Bucklin Beach has been stolen. Scott will look into replacing the engine as it is needed to retrieve items that sometimes float away.

One of the plastic docks at Elkins has a hole and will be disposed of, but rather than replacing it since there are three more docks (4 docks at Bucklin Beach), Scott will determine if it is necessary first.

Signs for rules and regulations are being created for Bucklin and Elkins beaches.

Scott mentioned the septic system at Bucklin is being pumped every ten days (Miller Plumbing and Heating is taking care of the pumping).

It was noted that the lifeguards/swimming instructors are each given one swimming suit, but a request was made to have an additional suit. Scott will speak with staff about this.

Split rail fencing is needed at Bucklin Beach and Scott will get an estimate from Andover Fencing.

Scott has ordered the outdoor shower (rinse down station for feet - waist high - \$450.00 - Clayton Miller Plumbing and Heating) at Elkins to be installed.

This Friday, July 11th, "Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals" will be at Elkins (11:00 am). There will also be a cookout (hot dogs, chips and drinks).

Scott listed some of the activities for Hospital Days: watermelon race, Chamber night, face painting, etc. and noted that volunteers are needed.

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The father/daughter dance was well attended and enjoyed.

Four new paddle boards and six paddles were purchased for Bucklin Beach, but will remain at Elkins until a rack can be built that can be secured. These items were included in the 2014 budget.

One of the grills at Bucklin was rusty and in bad shape. It was removed, leaving only one grill. Richard Lee has an extra grill in storage and will have it installed at Bucklin.

It was noted the wonderful job Scott is doing. Commission members have received many compliments about the programs the Town is offering under Scott's leadership.

The next meeting is August 5, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet R. Kidder