

Town of New London
Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

PRESENT: Jason Stadler, Casey Biuso, Laura Lorio, Lyndsay Lund, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt

The Easter Egg was a huge success despite the snowstorm and frigid temperatures. 3000 eggs were put on the Common, and, there were well over 100 children gathering them. The Easter Bunny made an appearance.

Donations for camper scholarships to date is \$675.00 (it costs \$125.00/child). These donations have come from individuals, the Wilmot Learning Bake sale during the Easter Egg Hunt, ads and a variety of other sources. The members of the New London Highway Department donated money for campers as well.

Central Lakes Dock Co. has tendered a quote for dock replacement. All four docks will need to be replaced, and the goal is to have two replaced (one at each beach) this spring. The Committee agreed to have the docks built using IPE (no chemicals are used in this wood) for \$6000.00 each.

Scott reported there is currently \$21,000.00 in the Revolving Fund.

All staff positions for camp and waterfront are filled.

There has been a good response for all the programs that are being offered (spring: karate, archery, bird watching, Granite State track and field, Strawberry Festival, Red Sox trip, kids yoga, Insanity AM workout; summer: swim lessons, day camp, sailing lessons, disc golf camp, teen adventure trips, paddle board lessons, kayak lessons). The date of the Father/Daughter Dance needs to be determined (it should be before Father's Day).

Some of the projects that are being undertaken this spring and performed by Town staff are: new fencing at Bucklin Beach, the wooden structure at Bucklin Beach needs repair, and, a kayak rack built.

Scott stated that the skating rink will be removed soon. This liner cost 1000.00 (the previous liner cost \$5000.00) and the new liner held up well (no tears during the winter). All liners can be damaged, and, therefore, Scott decided to buy the less expensive liner. It will be stored in the warming hut.

The next meeting will be April 5, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Kidder