

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2016

PRESENT: Casey Biuso, Lori Lavolpicelo, Justin Garzia, Steve Sidmore, Laura Lorio, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

Also Attending: Jane Smedley and Bill Helm, Chair, New London Selectmen

Jane Smedley is a summer resident, who owns two pieces of property in Elkins. Jane presented a proposal regarding the property abutting Pleasant Lake. The Town of New London currently owns a strip of land, which is part of her driveway. Jane would like to trade a piece of her land abutting the town owned post office property with the driveway strip. She is having a survey of the property prepared, and Kim Hallquist (Town Administrator) is reviewing the original deed of the land from Ms. Elkins. Jane was asking for the Recreation Commission's support of this trade. All agreed it would be beneficial to add more land to the post office parking lot, and thanked Jane for her generous offer.

Scott reported on the recent "seniors" trip to Ben and Jerry's, the Vermont Country Store and lunch. Eleven adults took the trip (originally 13 had signed up). Scott noted it was a lot of fun and the adults had a variety of ideas for future trips.

Scott noted that Pumpkin People are popping up all over town.

October 14 is the date for the Great Pumpkin Race, and the Halloween Walk will take place on Halloween, October 31st. The Colby-Sawyer Players will participate in the Walk (acting as ghouls and goblins). The Outing Club may share some of the expenses, and Colonial Pharmacy is donating candy as well as having a donation bin for candy.

On October 20, the Walk to School Day in memory of Chad Denning will take place from Colby-Sawyer College.

The Chili Fest is October 22 at the New London Historical Society. Currently, 13 organizations have signed up to make chili. The proceeds will be divided among the participants.

Next, Scott reviewed the possible landscaping plan for erosion control at Bucklin Beach. Any plantings should be salt tolerant and not interfere with the snow fence. The plan will be presented to the Little Sunapee Protective Association for their comments and suggestions. Implementation can be done in phases.

Justin reported on his extensive research regarding posts for the ice skating rink. It was agreed that a height of five feet would be appropriate, but Justin noted the posts would have to be fabricated. Justin will contact Paul Hansen about the possibility of making the posts. Justin stated that netting comes in 100 foot sections, and three sections will be needed at a cost of approximately \$1000.00. Justin has met with Public Works Director, Richard Lee about the posts.

Scott reported on Winter Carnival, noting that there will be no skijoring. An additional activity at Winter Carnival will be a hockey tournament. Justin will run the tournament.

There was a lengthy discussion about possible uses for the 1941 building. Based on a number of factors, the Recreation Commission recommended looking for an alternate site for recreation and other town-related activities.

Scott reviewed the 2018 budget.

The Minutes of September 6, 2016 were approved.

The meeting concluded at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder