

TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2016

PRESENT: Lyndsay Lund, Casey Biuso, Laura Lorio, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

The Commission discussed safety issues at the skating rink. Pucks are still hitting the New London Inn, and, parents with small children are concerned about their children being injured when older children are there with sticks and pucks. After a great deal of discussion, it was decided that hockey would be banned from the skating rink. (NOTE: A LARGE CROWD ATTENDED THE NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING AND INDICATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO BANNING HOCKEY. AFTER MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE COMMISSION DECIDED NOT TO BAN HOCKEY, AND AGREED TO HAVE DESIGNATED TIMES FOR HOCKEY AND SKATING. SCOTT WILL HAVE A SIGN MADE, AND NETTING WAS INSTALLED SURROUNDING THE RINK TO PREVENT PUCKS FROM LEAVING THE ICE).

Scott reviewed the activities for Winter Carnival. He will ask Richard Lee, Director of Public Works, to have the crew assist with tables, lights, snow, etc. Lyndsay indicated she will organize the scavenger hunt. Tickets for the Jack Frost dinner are selling briskly. There will be only 300 tickets sold.

Richard Lee will oversee the repairs at the Elkins bath house. This work should be completed before the summer season starts.

Scott noted that most of the waterfront staff will be returning.

Scott reported that he drove the Recreation Van to Maine for a conference. There are some problems shifting the vehicle, but it is safe at this point, although there is rust. The vehicle should be retired during the next year or two.

There will be nine weeks of summer camp programs next summer. Scott found that parents really want the summer camps and depend on the activities for their children.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet R. Kidder