

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
November 3, 2015

PRESENT: Laura Lorio, Lyndsay Lund, Jason Stadler, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

The Minutes of October 6, 2015 were approved.

Scott reviewed recent events. The Pumpkin People displays were very popular. It was suggested that perhaps next year for the judging, the public could cast votes as well. Also, a map of where all the pumpkin people were located would be helpful. Another suggestion was establishing a timeframe for when the pumpkin people would be on display.

Despite the rain, the walk to school day was well received, and Scott noted that the Fire Department, Police Department, Colby-Sawyer College and the school district worked together to make this a success.

Regarding Halloween, it was noted that closing Main Street from the Barn Play House to Pleasant Street was a great idea. It was much safer for the children and parents were very pleased. There were some complaints from people on Barrett Road regarding the safety of the Trick or Treaters on that street. Nevertheless, the police had two officers on bike patrol, three officers directing traffic and Chief Andersen was overseeing the whole street closure. Discussion followed regarding closing more of Main Street (to Seaman's Road). The closure needs to be better publicized for 2016, and, businesses need to be alerted well in advance.

Scott requested the Commission members attend the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting on Saturday, November 7th. Scott will give a presentation of activities of the Recreation Department and address the limitations of using Whipple Town Hall for many of the activities.

Santa will be in New London on Friday, December 4th. There will be music and the tree lighting will take place. The Center for the Arts and the Chamber of Commerce are working with the Recreation Department to host this event.

Winter Carnival will take place the last week of January. The dinner with Jack Frost and other activities are shaping up well. However, if the bandstand work has not been completed, the event will have to be moved. There was some discussion about another location (the Historical Society has offered their grounds).

Scott reviewed the 2017 budget, and there will be a few increases.

Various activities were discussed for future trips (Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox, etc.).

The town employees Christmas party will be held at Whipple Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder