



**TOWN OF
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Recreation Commission

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Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2023
Via Zoom 6:30pm

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1. Call to order / Record – The meeting was called to order by Brian Lievense (Recreation Director) at 6:30pm and the recording was started
Welcomed new member Gloria Harvey and the Commission noted they were looking forward to working with her
2. Roll Call – Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Gloria Harvey, Ashley Lewis, Donna Poitras, Renee Waldron
Community/Staff Members: Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Lynn Looby (Recording Secretary)
3. Minutes Review
May 24, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed (at time stamp :34)
Page 2 – Section 6C. Bus Trips – Should be Aqua “Turf” not “Tuft”
****D. Clark made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by D. Poitras. Motion passed 6-0-0**
4. New Business
 - A. 2024 Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule (at time stamp 2:10)
 - The 2024 meetings are proposed to take place on the 4th Thursday of the month with the exception of November/December; December meeting will be December 12, 2024
****R. Waldron made a motion to accept the 2024 meetings as amended; seconded by A. Lewis. Motion passed 6-0-0**
 - B. Winter Market / Festival of Tress – Recreation Commission Tree Donation
 - Friday, December 8 – Running simultaneously with the Holiday Bonfire
 - The tree has been purchased and decorated
 - Selectmen voting to close Main Street near the Library
 - Winter Market on Main Street (Vendors/Crafters)
 - Boy Scouts (wreaths), TBA (gift wrapping), School groups (caroling), horse draw wagon, Santa Claus; Community Center in the Library – tree donation raffle
5. Financial Reports (End of Fiscal Year 2023)
 - A. General Fund Budget Report – 100% of total fund usage
 - B. Fund Balance (current) - \$35,350 which includes restricted donations
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report (net loss \$27,000)
 - Discussed the deficit in detail - \$13,000 upgrade of Pickle Ball Courts and gazebo at Riverside Park; \$4,000 software; \$10,000 programming (\$5,000 credit card fees/\$5,000 primarily Purely Rec) – approximately \$5,000 should have been put in Fiscal Year 2024
 - Purely Rec needed additional staffing for student oversight

- Extra buses needed for summer camp
- Not much oversight throughout the year; monthly meetings have been scheduled with the Finance Director to review financial reports

6. Director's Report

A. Program Update

- Purley Rec – 45 kids per day; 14 kids per day (morning); new program coordinator hired (Paige Boisvert) and assistant program coordinator (Nathan Trethaway)
- Summer Camps – average 55 kids per day with several weeks at 60 kids
 - o Summer basketball – 100 kids
 - o Epic Soccer – 45 kids
 - o Explore the Trail – 32 kids (added Elementary school kids to this program)
- Enrichment Clubs – Lego is full; art is full; Comic Book will take place in January
- Recreation Youth Basketball – 99 kids enrolled (evaluations happening tonight)
 - o 3&4 year-old Basketball – 16 kids enrolled

B. Recent Events

- Community Day – was moved to the rain date of October 1; well attended; lost a few vendors; vendors were moved to the promenade
- Halloween Laser Light Show – not as strongly attended; will brainstorm on doing something different next year
- Walktober Spooky Walk – Last Green Valley event; 100 people took part in a walking tour with the Historical Commission through the West Thompson cemetery; future events – wireless microphone and constables needed
- Turkey Trot – set another record for sponsorships with over \$16,000 raised; 168 runners (over 40 the day of the event), 58 walkers, 48 kids – Fun Run

7. Other Comments from the Commission

- A. Send Thank You card from the Recreation Commission to Darlene for her years of service as the Purley Rec Program Coordinator
- B. Playground Inspections – Cynthia, Renee, and Brian will conduct the week of November 27

8. Correspondence – none

9. Citizen's Comments – none

10. Announcements – none

11. Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 2023

12. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Looby

Recording Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.