

**Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Recreation Commission
September 6, 2022 Minutes-6:30pm
Town Hall 4th floor conference room**

Committee Members Present: Debra Bradley (chair), Emily Bradley, Abigail Bradley, Camille Hart, Emily Croteau, Tiffany Newton (Recreation Coordinator)

Absent Members: Dawn Higgins

Non- Members: None

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Business/Discussion -

Chair asked to take items out of order and approve the minutes first.

Minutes

- Emily B motioned to accept minutes for August 16th as presented and Camille 2nd Deb (Y) Dawn () Emily B (Y) Abigail (Y) Camille (Y) Emily ()

Updates:

Fireworks Sub-Committee

- Atlas Fireworks had a representative come to the meeting.
- We have decided to host the fireworks for the Amphitheater Opening event over Whitney Pond
- The next sub-committee meeting will be held on Sept 27th at 6:30pm

Popcorn nights

- We made \$16 in donations-Tiffany will deposit into gift account
- Brian ended up covering the cost of the popcorn and bags due to ordering double amounts and our budget not allowing for that kind of expenditure.
- We will like to continue this next year

Art nights

- We are still looking to host this event on Nov 12th
- Tiffany will reach back out to the woman doing this. If no response by next week we will also reach out to Morgan from The Homestead Market.
- Again, rec will supply wire cutters and glue guns, ect.

Festival of lights

- The estimate for having the lighting at GAR park done "professionally" was \$6,845- way more than our budget would allow.
- We should in the future look into asking Robinson Broadhurst for lights/wreaths for the lamp post down Central street.
- There will not be a Festival of Trees at the library this year.

Town Wide Scavenger Hunt

- No one showed up-Deb Coerced her husband and youngest daughter to participate
- We should move it back to the last weekend in September- vacations and hot weather most likely played a role in it.

- We can re-use clues for next year
- We can use this as a possibility to partner with another organization or bring in something else.
- We still have the gift cards to use. We can use as prizes for pie baking.

Old Business:

Fall Fest

- Volunteers
 - Deb and Tiffany all day
 - Camille- 12-2
 - Emily B-Set Up
 - Abby- clean up
- Pumpkin painting
- Pie Baking
 - Check in 9-12
 - Judging 12:15
 - Prize announcements 1pm
- Pie Eating
 - 7-12 yrs 11:30
 - 13-18 yrs 12:30
 - 18+ 1:30

We will ask Andy to provide extra hay bales to create hay bale chair for a photo-op. Pumpkins and mums to decorate and a sign saying Winchendon

New Business

Amphitheater Opening

- Will be June 10th
 - Deb had a fun fact. June 10th is Winchendon's Founding day!
- The Amphitheater advisory committee will be running lead on planning this event with Tiffany.
- Recreation is asked to volunteer and take lead of different aspects of the event for Day of

Powerpoint

- Deb asked to skip over this agenda item

Amphitheater Guidelines

- The board was given a preliminary rental form with a fee schedule to review- already reviewed by the Town Manager.
- There was minimal feedback. The only comments were about fires/open flames (tailgating)- Our park rules explicitly say this so we will add them at the end of the document.
 - Also suggested the restrictions for staking things in the ground also included "any other surface"
- We also need to come up with guidelines for how we will be booking the "shows" at the amphitheater
 - Tiffany will come up with a rough draft document to present to the Committee.

New Ideas for Future Events

- Founder's Day-June 10th
- 1st Responders Appreciation Day
- Back to School Blow out
- Nerf Gun Wars-will need waiver sheet
- Specific to Amphitheater
 - Christmas Show case
 - New years eve-project the ball drop on the screen

Adjourned: 7:58 p.m.

Deb motion, Camille 2nd

Debra (Y) Emily B (Y) Abigail (Y) Emily C (Y) Dawn () Camille (Y)

Approved:

Camille Hurt

Dawn Bradley

Abigail Bradley

Emily Bradley