

**Town of Winchendon  
Winchendon Recreation Commission  
November 1, 2022 Minutes-6:30pm  
Town Hall 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room**

**Committee Members Present:** Debra Bradley (chair), Abigail Bradley, Dawn Higgins, Tiffany Newton (Recreation Coordinator)

**Absent Members:** Emily Croteau, Camille Hart

**Non- Members:**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Updates:**

*Fall Fest*

- We need to get more people to bake pies for the contest
- 100 pumpkins was a perfect amount
- Hay bale photo op was well received

*Pet Parade*

- Pre-registration went over well
- We have a potential volunteer that came from this event
- Next time only 1 lap around
- We should have a pet costume swap- maybe set it up at Fall Fest
- Next year we could potentially charge \$5 as a registration fee to help get better prizes and possibly a door prize/basket
- Should we have pet vendors set up around the track –They could offer something to raffle off
  - Peachy dog pet salon
  - Pet treat lady
  - Dog leashed/bandanas

*Art Nights*

- Wreath making- no registrations as of yet
- We should do all prepackaged or store/restaurant bought food
- Other options for upcoming dates
  - String art starting at \$25 pp. Could we do mommy and me sizes? February 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Cookie/cupcake decorating
  - Stained glass
  - Charcuterie class

*Festival of lights*

- We should do door prizes
- We have 10-12 vendors signed up already

- We will be inventorying lights on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> we will need to go mark spots at the senior center
- Should we look at making the space more festive at the senior center?
- Next meeting we will set a time to go set up lights and decorate the town tree

### **Old Business:**

#### *Valentines Ice Skating Event*

- This is looking like a no go
- Another suggestion is to do an all ages valentines dance on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We should check with the school about what they have going on.

#### *Fireworks Pricing*

- Mario didn't attend the meeting so we will just be applying for 20k to make sure all expenses are covered.

### **New Business**

#### *MPIC*

- Recreation is the lead on 2 baseline goals but one is on hold per the Town Manager.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> baseline goal is to hold 4 outreach/information sessions with youth 10-26 to assess their needs and wants before January 1, 2023.

#### *Free Park Event Suggestions*

- The commission was asked to vote to move the free community day in October from Oct 7, 2023 to Oct 14, 2023 due to the Fall Fest being a conflict on that day. Deb made a motion to move the free community event and Dawn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion Deb (Y) Dawn (Y) Emily B (Y) Abby (Y) Camille () Emily C ()
- Gaming day
- Large scale board game day
- Nerf gun war
- Theater club? Reach out to the Provost and the library?

#### *Other event ideas*

- Roller skating @ clark event
- Glow in the dark event
- Tiffany requested that the commission send any free park event ideas to her by November 7<sup>th</sup> and a list will be compiled for the next meeting on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> to go over all of these.

### **Financials**

- There were no comments on the financial updates presented.

### **Minutes**

- Dawn noted a typo on page 2 of the minutes indicating that Dawn made a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> her own motion. Tiffany will fix the error and bring back to the committee for approval on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Other**

- Next agenda we will have a motion to move the Food Truck Festival to June 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of June 30<sup>th</sup> for this year.

**Adjourned:** 8:02 p.m.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn and Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

**Approved:**

*Dawn Higgins*  
*Debra Bradley*  
*Abigail Bradley*