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

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

**Absent Members:** Emily Croteau, Emily Bradley

**Non- Members:**

Meeting called to order at 6:46 p.m.

**Updates:**

*Art Nights*

- Wreath making- 2 people came, 1 no show.
  - Next year move the date, possibly to coincide with Festival of Lights
- String art- on February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Glass Art- on January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for flower arranging or other class for in March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Can do at Town Hall or Housing Authority

*Festival of lights*

- Next year we can get Santa in a Firetruck or horse drawn sleigh
- Maybe rebrand the name once we expand.

**Old Business:**

*Valentines Day*

- Murder Mystery Dinner at Carriage house was the decision
- Tiffany will arrange it all

*Free Community Park Event Ideas*

- July- All American BBQ
  - Beth's BBQ, Watermelon, Lemonade, Croquet, Bocce, Bagmitten
  - Should we sell items?
  - Unicycle? Balloon animals?
- Aug- Lazy Hazy Dayz of Summer
  - Hammocks
  - Heat Relief
    - Water Balloons, Fans, Dunk Tank, Ect...
- Sept- Back to Summer Blow Out
  - Nerf gun War, Binx/skateboard, Headbanz game, Candy Bar
  - Recycled Percussion?
- Oct- Haunted Trails
  - Trunk or Treat, Spooky stories by the fire, Pet parade, Haunted walk through
- Nov-Harvest at the Park

- Cornacopia
- Turkey Hunt
  - Nerfs or pulling a feather out, should we use a decoy turkey.
- Should we offer a family Bundle tickets, 1<sup>st</sup> 5 families get event kit?

#### *Paid Events*

- Talk to Keene about ice sculptures
- Tiffany presented the following acts to the commission:
  - Colton Dixon, Recycled Percussion, Whitney Doucette, The Reminiscents, Whiskey Johnson, and a comedy show.
- Deb made a motion to allow Tiffany to book acts and performers at the Amphitheater for paid events. Dawn 2<sup>nd</sup>

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#### *Festival and Project Grant*

- Tiffany explained that the grant was not currently allowable for the December date as it is supposed to be used for past months and coming months until June 2023.
- The Commission decided to submit application as is with an explanation about the date.

#### **New Business**

##### *Winchendon Music Festival*

- The Winchendon Music Festival would like to play at the Amphitheater but have us host them. The music is a little different than we typically would host for our free community days. (Jazz, Classical)
- The Commission would like to know how many people typically attend, would they be interested in the gazebo.

##### *Band Contract*

- Deb made a motion to accept the band contract as presented. Dawn 2<sup>nd</sup>
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##### *Upcoming Meeting Schedule*

- Deb made a motion that due to the upcoming holiday we will skip our December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and resume our regular meeting schedule on January 3, 2023. Dawn 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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#### **Minutes**

- Dawn made a motion to accept the minutes from October 18, November 1, and November 22 as presented. Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>

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#### **Other**

- Disc golf update will be at next meeting
- We need to do trail clean up before opening

- We would like to place a Johnny Appleseed ad about the Amphitheater and the Grand Opening and need to pay \$340
- Deb made a motion to place an 1/8 page ad in Johnny Appleseed to advertise the Amphitheater and Grand Opening and use \$100 of our extra budget funds with the rest coming out of our gift fund. Dawn 2nd

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**Adjourned:** 8:24 p.m.

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

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**Approved:**

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