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Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes from meeting on February 22nd, 2016 at Beals Memorial Library, upstairs

Present: Chairperson Noel Veilleux, and members Laura Gaydos and Brian Dickens

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Concerts planning

(We welcomed two Winchendon citizens who are interested in our two open student representative positions: Cassandra Burdick and Jose Gamez, two 8th grade students at Murdock Middle High School. Neither are wholly committed to joining at this time.)

The committee moved to purchase \$60.00 worth of plastic eggs from Sunny Bunny Easter Eggs in Springfield, MO. These eggs are pre-filled with wrapped assorted candies. Committee member Laura Gaydos will purchase them and pay for shipping, and will later file receipts with the committee to be reimbursed. The eggs will be used for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19th, at 10:00 a.m. The committee moved to select this date.

The committee moved to schedule more performers on the annual Summer Concert Series at Smith Community Pavilion gazebo. Beatles For Sale will perform on June 17th, 2016, and Cara Keane & The Disclaimers will return from last year's lineup to play on July 22nd, 2016. Beatles For Sale will be compensated \$500.00, Cara Keane will receive \$300.00.

The committee plans to create and distribute a flyer promoting the upcoming concert series, in time to be shared at a May 2016 town meeting. The committee will also place the flyers in the Winchendon Courier, where we receive a discount for that service. Flyers will be placed within 1,500 copies of the Courier.

The committee would like to relocate a port-o-potty closer to the Gazebo for the concert series. There is currently one behind Old Murdock, but we would like it to be placed temporarily next to the Poland and Streeter schools to assist our guests throughout the series.

In closing, the committee showed interest in assisting a town cleanup, with a date coinciding with Earth Day, on April 22nd, 2016. The committee recognizes that in the past, household waste was disposed of in the dumpsters donated by Winchendon DPW. Methods for avoiding abuse of the event were discussed, and will be weighed in consideration through planning of this tentative event. Board Of Health Member Lionel Cloutier has hosted events like this one before; the committee will reach out to him to coordinate our efforts in making Winchendon a more beautiful, pleasant and clean town to live in.

All motions at the meeting were voted 3-0 in favor of the proposals made. The committee plans for another meeting on March 7th, 2016, at the Beals Memorial Library, second floor.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.