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Winchendon Community Park Programming Committee

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:30 PM via Zoom

In attendance:

- Tiffany Parkhurst
- Miranda Jennings
- Dawn Bilodeau

Missing: None

Public:

- Camille Hart
- Chris Thompkins

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM

Introductions

- Camille Hart – Student at Murdock High School, 10th grade, looking to join committee
- Chris Thompkins – Town resident, hoping to help in the disk golf idea, bring more attention to the town, provide additional interest to community involvement.
- Tiffany, Dawn and Miranda offered brief introductions

Business

1. **Approved Minutes:** March 10, 2021 and March 24, 2021
2. **Events**

- a. Moonlit hike was posted on Facebook page, there is good amount of interest. Will be April 24 from 7pm – 8pm. No fire pit for this event. Town residents should bring a flashlight but if they forget, the motion was made by Dawn to approve \$30 to buy flashlights to have on hand, 2nd by Miranda, all in favor. Tiffany will get the flashlights
- b. Portapotty is \$125/month for standard or \$225/month for handicap. Handicap units are currently not available but will be put on a waiting list for the next available unit.
- c. May Day (May 1st) Event will be a May Day basket craft, purchasing supplies for crafts and handing them out to families with instructions to put their own basket together. Miranda will make the flyer and post a link for registration. Will also have a May pole where participants can write a wish on paper, tape it to the pole prior to the wrapping of ribbons. Each person will be presented with a ribbon. Each family will take turns wrapping their ribbon around the pole. Tiffany to reach out to the infrastructure team

to determine an existing telephone pole or a spot to put a temporary pole for this activity. Motion was made by Miranda to budget \$100 on this event, 2nd by Tiffany, all in favor. Dawn will pick up the supplies for the May basket crafts. Supplies intended to be generic enough to repurpose at another event should there be a surplus of supplies.

- d. May 8th open house was postponed and will coordinate with our June 5 event
 - e. Received very little feedback on interest from the community to help build a fire pit. We will try to spark interest among the community during the moonlit walk and again during the May Day event. Looking for donated materials and donated labor to help build it. Fire pit must be 25 feet away from any structure or trees, must have a layer of sand as the base, and a perimeter of sand around the diameter, and be no bigger than 3 feet x 3 feet in diameter.
- 3. House burning**
- a. Date still unconfirmed. Possibility of not burning the house down due to asbestos on the property.
- 4. Fund Raising** – several baskets and gift certificates to be raffled off for the balloon fund raiser
- a. Many baskets and gift cards have already been donated. Looking for a few more items to complete a few of the baskets. Pictures of the available prizes to be posted randomly in the next few days to publicize the event and spark interest.
- 5. Weddings/Photo Ops**
- a. If the event will be closed to the public, we will need to charge a fee
 - b. Parties to ensure all permits and licenses are granted
 - c. Local photographer will be hosting a mini photo session at the park. We should ask permission to use some of those photos on our website and as advertising. Calendar of events should be kept up to date to avoid a conflict with other events and/or check with the committee to ensure another event is not scheduled.

Considerations

- 6. Merger of Recreation Committee with Winchendon Community Park Programming committee.**
- a. Should we merge or should we collaborate? Both committees are geared toward recreational events
 - b. Recreational Committee is a town by law which is granted an annual budget – WCP is self-sustaining and dependent on donations and fund raisers.
 - c. Recreational Committee hosts 4 events per year all based in the center of town, WCP hosts monthly events based at the Winchendon Community Park
 - d. What would be the long terms goals of a joint committee?
 - e. Merger must go on a warrant to update town bylaws if passed since the Recreation Committee is part of the bylaws.

Adjourned: 8:57 PM

Next meeting May 17, 2021 6:00 PM