

Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission
January 7, 2025 Minutes 6:30PM
4th floor Conference Room, Town Hall

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Members in attendance: Deb Bradley (Chair), Deb Kane, Bonnie Veilleux, Jennifer Phelps, Melanie Franklin (secretary)

Non-Members in attendance: Shaina Cunningham (Coordinator)

Members not in attendance: Emily Croteau, Emily Bradley, Amy Boshco, Dylan Romanowski

Meeting called to order 6:31pm

Disc Golf Collaboration Update

Chris Tompkins: Project Manager

Karl Molitoris: Course Designer

Promoting Health, Community, and Conservation

- Discussed the plans for the DISC golf course
 - App: "youdisc" use shows that people nation-wide have come to use it.
- Requested to stop cutting at the park as it is encroaching on the DISC golf areas.
- Requesting the help of the DPW for tree removal
- Requesting to swap areas for disc golf and our use.
 - Would like to schedule a walk through to visualize request
- Work days are scheduled on Facebook and it would be great if the commission could promote these and participate in them when available.
 - Getting schools, colleges, townspeople and churches involved

Coordinator's Report

- Visit North Central Update
 - Took out a ¼ page add in Johnny Appleseed magazine to post several of our events.
 - We highlighted the big events happening through August.
 - Focus on the events that have a cost.
- Alyssa's place coming out on Thursday to help bring holiday decorations down
 - Put decorations in boxes and label them for the park they were at for next year
 - Suggestions for next year
 - have the different boards adopt a park to decorate
 - Keep lights up from November to March to brighten it up and bring morale to the town.

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- Jody and Ricci: connecting next Thursday at noon for Sunset Socials. They are working with radio station that will add a plug for the sunset socials.

Old Business

- Snow Ball Recap
 - Deb and Shaina were there to support fundraiser
- Crafternoon Recap
 - Went really well, everyone enjoyed it
 - Follow-up crafternoon in February to paint the other side of their signs. While others can come and do a new one.

New Business

- Winter Activities: social media contests
 - Snowman Building Contest—Snow day contest
 - Winter Hiking Full Moon in January, Saturdays for hikes. Deb to share dates with Shaina to put as an event and post to fb.
 - Photo Contests: take a picture at the park and post on fb: something red, fav memory, etc.
- Banner orders
 - Creating sponsorship in Eventeny: order for Spring time.
 - Find out prices to decide sponsor packages
 - Get a few more winter banners and then spring/summer banners
- Murder Mystery Dinner
 - Cancelled this event, refunding the 2 tickets that were sold
 - Set the next one for March—come up with themes.
 - St. Patrick's Day
 - March Madness
- Barn Renovation Plan
 - Deb Kane made a motion to table the Barn Renovation Plan for our next meeting.
 - Jennifer 2nd the motion
 - All approved, motion passed.

Minutes

- Approve minutes
 - Deb Bradley made a motion to table the minutes till next meeting

Notice- The above topics do not prohibit additional last-minute or unforeseen matters. Votes may be taken at any point.
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- Deb Kane 2nd
- All in favor, motion carries

Other Business

- Public comments or feedback
- Trivia: Deb Bradley and Jennifer will be there
 - send out reminders to the bowlers from the tournament last Saturday.
 - Merchandise to sell, sponsor forms, upcoming events.
 - Save the dates/punch cards for coming to multiple events that would have a reward

Adjournment

Jennifer made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm

Bonnie 2nd

All approve, motion carries.

Minutes approved 1/21/2025