

Approved: August 12, 2021

Minutes for July 29th Recreation Commission Meeting
(As noted by Tiffany Newton)

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK
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Meeting Called to order at 7:03pm

Attendees:

Members: Laura Gaydos, Tiffany Newton, Emily Bradley, Abby Bradley, Linda HofHaug, Debra Bradley(showed up at 7:50pm)

Non-Members: Miranda Jennings, Caela Provost

As the members did not get a chance to review the minutes from the previous meeting they were tabled until the Aug 12th Meeting for approval.

Tiffany updated what our budget was currently.

Available budget in main account is \$2,186.00. We have currently spent \$1,850.00.

Tiffany was unable to get the balance for the gift account but will follow up with Callie.

Tiffany offered to make a finance sheet and update each month for the committee.

Laura is to send the updated numbers for bands that still need to be paid so we may account for those. Laura will take care of submitting payment for the rest of the bands.

Linda Reached out to police and fire about being a judge for our Pie baking contest.

Tiffany will speak with Town Manager about being a judge. The committee will need to purchase the prizes for winners of the pie baking and pie eating contest.

The tree lighting aligns with the Park holiday event and the Festival of Trees at the Library.

Festival of trees 11-2

Holiday at the park 2-5

Tree lighting 5-7?

Will coordinate with the park for Santa (Uggachonis?)

We will light up the poles and tree by Winchendon Furniture. The Clark will light up their area. Should we ask businesses to design/decorate their own pole?

The Town Wide event should be called Winchendon's Festival of Lights.

Looking to do a Food Truck Festival in June of 2022. Maybe collaborate with Taste of Winchendon/Block Party.

Toy Town Scavenger Hunt

We like the idea of word scrambles and clues to find locations. Someone will be located at each location to stamp the participants "books"

Each Team or individual will be given the entire list of clues at the start. The Library would like to participate.

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The event will end at Seppie's and everyone will receive ice cream. The winners will get a sundae. There will be a team fee of \$15 for up to 5 people or \$4 per individual. The event will be held on Aug 29th at 1pm. Looking to make it completely accessible by foot but open to a few stops in old center. Tiffany will look into getting someone to drive the Winchendon School Bus to make it accessible for those who do not have a car.

4th of July

There are no updates from the Clark regarding dates/collaboration.

Deb reached out to a few fireworks companies and the cost range that was given was \$25,000-\$50,000 for a 25 min show with a 3 min finale.

Minutes Of 7/29/21

(As noted by Emily Bradley)

members present- Chair Laura Gaydos, Vice Chair Linda Hofhaug, Tiffany Newton, Abigail Bradley, Emily Bradley
in attendance: Miranda Jennings (WCP/Youth Change Makers representative), Kayla Provost (Library Representative)
meeting started at 7:03

1. Minutes from July 15
~motion to approve - moved til next meeting?
2. Member Appointments/Renewals/New
-Student Position Open - Debra to reach out to Thad King for a Murdock student
3. Summer Concert Series
-Tiffany will set up a spread sheet with budget
-Lickity Spilts/ Murdock farm as vender?
-sponsors?
4. Fireworks
-nice til next meeting
-talk about budget
-Debra sent quotes
-estimate \$25-\$50k
-sub committee to raise money 3+ volunteers
-see if other towns will help out/coordinate
5. Tour De Winchendon
-date: September 18 (Sept 25 rain date)10-12
-start & finish at WCP
-police will provide road assistance & police cruiser at each end of WCP road
-ask Murdock farm to come down/at the park
-partnership with heal & WCP
~map of locations, stamp at each location
-budget from registration fee
-pre registration, pay by check to town of Winchendon recreation
-dw design tee shirts, waiting for response
-sponsor to pay for shirts?
-sponsors & local vendors on back of shirts
-avoid glenallen on route
-little anthony's as a bonus spot?
-how to transfer money
-NHS, boy/Girl Scouts might help

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- table for checking near parking(maybe 2 people)
- orange w/ black logo draw string backpack

6. Fall Festival

-Oct. 9th 10-4

-Central St - Double Booth

-Vote on Pie Baking?

-Pie eating contest

i. Prizes/Judges: 4 prizes, 1 for every category. Recreation shirts, gabby s gift card, dunkin gift basket, or mc Donald grift cards? prizes should be appropriate for age group.

Linda will contact police, fire, and town rep for pie baking judges

i. Location: by the band

-no update on pumpkins, Laura will contact

-waiting on response from table talk pies

7. Tree Lighting

-December 11 starting at 2

-Clashes with Library tree walk though & -Santa 11-2 or 12-2

-Tiffany looking into hay ride to sleigh ride

-DPW said we can light up every light post as possible

-find a Santa &/or Ms Clause

-coordinate with WCP & Library with their events, advertise

together. Winchendon Festival of Lights, Winchendon Wonderland, etc.

-see if white church can play Christmas music

-Clark does their own lights

-light donations?

-ask the local business light up posts in front of their business

-DPW will help set up lights

8. New Business

-Tiffany: food truck festival sometime in June

-coordinate with taste of winchendon?

-Tiffany: Scavenger hunt

-historical society is willing to help out

-start & end at seppies

-types of clues

-lists of items, list of pictures of place, clue to clue, solve clue
scramble, riddle clues, historical clues

-recreation tote bags to collect items

-small registration fee

-stamp at each location

-new clue at each location

-prize for winner?

-so many stamps to enter raffle

-name: Toy Town Scavenger Hunt?

-Date & time frame August 29th 1-3/4

-Tiffany will talk to Paul about winchendon shuttle bus

9. Adjournment