



Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from meeting at 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th, 2017
at Winchendon Town Hall Auditorium

Approved 6-7-17

Present: Laura Gaydos, Brian Dickens, Tina Santos

Absent: Michaela Benedict, Jay Pereira

Agenda: Summer Concerts Planning / Financial Discussion

Summary: The committee discussed the planning of the 2017 Summer Concerts series. The Kingsnakes, a Winchendon band, will take the place of Big Random on July 7th, which completes booking for the series.

Parks & Rec also talked about planning a youth oriented "Battle Of The Bands" which could supplement the lack of programming the committee prepares for young adults interested in music and the arts in town.

The committee talked about assorted ways to promote itself and find more members.

Call to Order: 6:45pm

The committee approved the minutes taken at the last meeting, on May 10th, 2017.

Brian introduced those present to The Kingsnakes, a local band that plays folk and traditional songs with horns, woodwinds, guitars and slide guitar. The committee listened to some tracks by them and moved 3-0 to approve to host them on July 7th as part of our series- they will be compensated \$300.00.

The committee will also look to hold a kids night on Friday, August 4th, 2017, including a DJ and children's games. Laura contacted Amy Dupuis, a local DJ, and Tina asked Mark Demarais, another DJ, if they'd be interested if Amy was unable to come.

It was also mentioned by Laura that the concerts do not have bathroom facilities. There is a port-o-potty on the other side of Old Murdock, which works for some, but for older guests is

untenable. Tina said she could ask DPW Director Al Gallant about it- Brian said he would seek out the advice of the Senior Center or Winchendon Public Schools.

Lastly, regarding the promotion of the series, the committee will do the following:

- distribute flyers at public places and businesses in Winchendon
- attend Board Of Selectmen meetings and talk about the series
- create a recurring Facebook event
- place an article in the Courier (to find new members, too)

The committee also brought up the idea of having a Battle Of The Bands in town. The committee books music for family audiences, adults, children- but feels it could offer more to young adults who create and/or enjoy original music. Brian said he would run the idea by Steve Haddad before the end of the school year.

Actions:

Laura: Contact Amy Dupuis for DJ'ing for 8/4/17.
Create recurring Facebook event for concert series

Tina: Ask Mark Demarais about DJ'ing for 8/4/17.
Ask Al Gallant about who controls Port o Potty near gazebo.

Brian: Contact Superintendent Haddad about BOTB

The committee moved to schedule its next meeting for June 7th, 2017.

Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.