

**Town of Winchendon
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the July 15, 2021 Meeting**

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK
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7:00 P.M. Call Meeting to Order

Members Present – Chair Laura Gaydos, Vice Chair Linda Hofhaug, Debra Bradley, Tiffany Newton, Abigail Bradley, Emily Bradley
In attendance – Mike Quinn (Clark YMCA Representative)

1. Minutes from July 1st, 2021
 - o Motion to approve – All approved by vote.
2. Member Appointments/Renewals/New
 - Student Position Open** – Debra to reach out to Thad King for a Murdock student.
 - Debra -Contact for representatives:
 - Beals, Caela Provost to attend 7/15/2021
 - Kiwanis want to send someone to Rec Com once Kiwanis discusses.
3. Summer Concert Series – Fridays 7/2 8/27 6:30 – 8:00
 - o Average attendance crowd of 30-50 people.
 - o If rained out, concert will be called off by 2:00pm.
 - o Laura is the point of contact regarding booking of bands, scheduling dates and budget.
 - o Band Information
 - i. All bands booked – used Two Band App to book majority of bands.
 - ii. FB (Facebook) page has been updated with event dates.
 - 7/9 Maia Dobbs (Rain date Saturday, July 17th)
 - 7/16 Kate and Patrick
 - 7/23 Calite Kelly
 - 7/30 Walkin' Antiques
 - 7/31 Midnight Harvest
 - 8/6 Cold Chocolate
 - 8/13 Steph and Lionel
 - 8/20 Neon Alley
 - 8/27 The Terryiffics
 - o Porta Potty delivered.
 - i. Paperwork completed.
 - ii. United Porta Potty
 - iii. Cost - \$246.94 – voted on by all members present and passed.
 - o Budget – Laura to obtain information from Town Hall.
 - i. Submit invoices to town hall by July 6th for July 15th payment.
 - ii. Email to Linda D has been requested for the information. Waiting reply.
 - iii. Discussed the idea of having sponsors to help pay for bands and assist with budget concerns. (maybe for next year).
 - iv. Band paid night of concert
 1. Need to get check from Linda D for band. – Laura to figure out.
 2. Invoices going to Laura who will forward to Town Hall.
 - o Fidelity Ice Cream Truck – Tiffany – maybe on other Fridays in August, not available in July.
 - o Youth Change Makers Ice Coffee Truck – 6:00.
 - o 4:30/5:00 Band Set Up – Linda H will meet the bands.
 - Give check to band.
 - Power turn on, lockbox, need key to unlock. Police station, pick up/drop off. Laura - Get on the list of approvers set up through Linda D.

As noted by Debra Bradley

- Carry in carry out
- Debra – Contact DPW to get band event on electronic board.
- Need flyers once schedule is known
- Pass out at band events and local businesses to hand out. Laura will get a list for Linda D. to give out and put on the public access channel.
- 4. Fourth of July Subcommittee
 - Recruit members
 - i. Tiffany and Debra volunteered, need to recruit more members.
 - 1. Recreation Committee to oversee.
 - 2. Mike Quinn confirmed that the Summer Solstice 2022 will be held.
 - 3. June 18, 2022 until 3:00/4:00ish.
 - 4. Open to have in Clark Field.
 - a. Mike to bring to the Board of Directors at the Clark the Rec Com interest in collaborating with the Clark to have a fireworks display that evening.
 - i. If Yes, plans will move forward.
 - ii. If no, plan to hold fireworks for 4th of July.
 - ii. Start planning for 2022
 - 1. Apply for RB Fund for budget help.
- 5. Fall Festival
 - Laura and Tiffany not available to assist day of event.
 - Maybe assistance from Key Club from HS.
 - i. Debra to contact school.
 - ii. Six or so volunteers needed to help.
 - Pumpkin Painting Booth
 - i. Budget?
 - ii. Laura to set up 300+ sugar pumpkins
 - 1. \$?
 - 2. Need to purchase from Wildwood Farm in Westminister MA
 - iii. Paint supplies
 - 1. Linda has paint brushes
 - 2. Bin in town hall basement with supplies
 - iv. Hay Bayles – from Andy Brooks
 - v. Usually two spots reserved, Laura to confirm.
 - Pie Baking Contest Booth
 - i. Best Tasting
 - ii. Best Appearance
 - iii. Overall
 - iv. Best Junior Pie (under 18)
 - v. Judges? – Ch. Walsh
 - vi. Prizes – Blue Ribbon etc... Bragging rights
 - Pie Eating Contest?
 - Table Talk Pies – blueberry!
 - Three age groups: 7-12; 13-18; Adults
- 6. Tour de Winchendon (play off of Tour De France) (draft of details in second attachment)
 - i. Sept 18th with rain date Sept 25th
 - ii. Start and end at the WCP
 - 1. WCP is also holding a Picnic in the park on the 18th.

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- iii. Route is 6.22 miles – Start WCP, Maple Street, Central St, Summer, Bike Trail, GlenAllen, Elmwood, Central, Maple, end at WCP.
 - iv. Family biking event
 - v. Pit stops along route with assistance from H.E.A.L. building off of the “Passport” theme with local businesses set up with a table.
 - 1. Water to be provided by Rec Com
 - 2. Limited to one or two menu items predetermined and part of the registration fee.
 - 3. Expanded menu/items available at participates own cost.
 - vi. Registration fee of \$25 registration per person with a family maxing out at \$40.
 - 1. Fees are to cover costs of the pit stops.
 - 2. T-Shirts for event
 - 3. If extra funds available, items for gift baskets for participates who stamp their passport completely to be entered into a raffle.
 - vii. Gift cards/raffle baskets.
 - 1. Items would need to be collected
- 7. Tree lighting – Dec 4th
 - o Beals having Tree Festival – Dec 11th
 - o WCP having a Tree event – Dec 11th
 - o Central St Festival – Mike Quinn suggested that the Clark would be interested in more lights, possibly on the red maples out front.
 - i. Mike Quinn proposed an idea of a “festival of lights” on Central Street.
 - 1. How much participation can the “town” do?
 - 2. How much/many business would participate.
 - 3. Should there be a friendly competition with the business for bragging rights for Most Festive Business, plaque for display at their business?
 - o Hay rides between WCP, Veterans Park for the lighting of the Murdock tree, and GAR Park for the lighting of the Rec Com tree.
 - o Hot cocoa –
 - i. Rec Com uses a cooler and supplies the hot cocoa.
 - ii. Other treats?
- 8. Movie/Star Gazing Night
 - o Rec Com and WCP would like to volunteer and have a table with info.
 - o 7/27 – Beals next board meeting
 - o Star Gazing
 - 8/6 6-7pm Lore of the Night Sky
 - o Beals is hosting moving nights 6-10pm
 - 8/6 - Zootopia
 - 8/13 – Lion King
 - 8/20 – Jurassic Park
- 9. New Business
 - a. Scavenger hunt, annually, theme. Historical? Photo scavenger hunt.
 - b. WCP partner – community coffee and donuts – cider donuts if in the fall.
 - c. Marvelous Marvin ? Entertainment person flyer. Circus tricks.
 - d. WCP Amphitheater – volunteer support of why we think it’s good for our town.
 - e. May set up Friends of Winchendon for funds.

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