

Approved: All commission members, 9/30/2021

**Town of Winchendon
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Meeting**
(As noted by Debra Bradley)

7:07 Meeting Called to order

Members Present: Laura Gaydos, Tiffany Newton, Emily Bradley, Abby Bradley, , Debra Bradley

Absent: Linda HofHaug

Non-members in attendance: None

1. Minutes approved from August 12th. Motioned by Tiffany, seconded by Emily, approved by all.
2. Next meeting Thursday, September 16th 7:00pm.
3. Discussion of Summer Concert Series Review.
 - a. Average attendance 20-30 people.
 - b. Season schedule is usually completed by March.
 - c. No Saturday concerts.
 - d. Move to Town Hall Auditorium if rain forecasted.
 - e. Need advertising/marketing ideas for 2022 season.
 - i. Yard signs
 - ii. Street Banner
 - iii. Newspaper
 - iv. Public access channel
 - v. Social media
 - vi. Local poster
 - vii. Handouts at other Town Hall meetings
 - viii. Senior Center newsletter
4. Toy Town Scavenger Hunt
 - a. The event will be held on Aug 29th at 1pm (12:00 set up)
 - b. Accessible by foot but open to a few stops in old center
 - c. No bus/shuttle provided.
 - d. Team fee of \$15 for up to 5 people or \$4 per individual
 - e. End at Seppie's and everyone will receive ice cream. winners will get a sundae.
 - f. "letterbox" style location to stamp the participants "books".
 - i. Boxes created and filled.
 - g. Each Team or individual will be given the entire list of clues at the start.
5. Tour De Winchendon
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 if not at any emergencies.
partnership with heal & WCP
Map of locations, stamp at each location. Miranda to assist with pit stop locations.
budget from registration fee
pre registration, pay by check to town of Winchendon recreation
sponsors & local venders – to be built and discussed for 2022 event.
Table for check-in near parking (maybe 2 people)
orange w/ black logo draw string backpacks.
No additional registrations at this time.

5. Fall Festival –

- a. Pumpkin Decorating
 - i. Paint/Brushes – basement of Town Hall has little supply, more will need to be purchased.
 - ii. Andy Brooks to donate hay bales.
- b. Pie Baking
 - i. Judges confirmed.
 - ii. The committee will need to purchase the prizes for winners of the pie baking and pie eating contest.
 - iii. Traditional "Blue" ribbon prizes, additional prize customized by WRC may be an option.
- c. Pie Eating

6. Winchendon Festival of Lights –

- a. 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.
 - Asking businesses to design/decorate their own light pole/windows etc...

7. Fireworks – Tabled for later date.

New Business –

- Is there a Winchendon Business Group? Tiffany to contact Cailte Kelly for information.
- Community Calendar is needed to avoid too many events happening on the same day.

Adjourn