

**Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Recreation Commission
July 19, 2022 Minutes-6:30pm
Town Hall 4th floor conference room**

Committee Members Present: Debra Bradley (chair), Tiffany Newton, Emily Bradley, Abigail Bradley, Emily Croteau

Absent Members: Camille Hart, Dawn Higgins

Non- Members: None

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Business/Discussion -

Minutes:

None to approve

Updates:

Food Truck Festival

- Next year needs
 - Tents
 - Lighting
 - Drinks sold separately
 - More trucks/ menus out further to read

Battle of the Bands

- Next year
 - Better sound and layout system
 - Bands to include: Neon Alley, Deacon Express & Big Random

Town clean Ups- Adopt a Road

- We should currently coordinate 3 times a year
 - Earthday-already established
 - June-prior to Food Truck Festival
 - October- Prior to Fall Fest

New Business

Town Wide Scavenger Hunt

- Aug 20th 1-4pm
- Now & Then theme with 15 stops
- \$50 gift card for winner

Tour De Winchendon

- It was decided not to hold Tour de Winchendon due to construction on Central Street and the impending recession/labor shortage- it is too much on our local businesses to ask them to participate this year.

Fall Festival

- We are cutting the pumpkins down to 100-150- will stop doing pumpkin painting as an activity once paint runs out.
- We need more big ribbons
- Will continue to hold pie eating and pie baking competition- need to get advertising out there and locate our new 3-5 judges
- We should get the face cut-out photo op stand

Other

Popcorn Movie Nights

- Tiffany suggested offering free popcorn at the library movie nights in August to get Recreation out there (Aug 11, Aug 18, & Aug 25)
- The committee agreed that this was a great idea
- Tiffany to contact the library and speak with Brian about borrowing the Fire station popcorn machine

Advent-ures Event

- Possible future Holiday event- 12 days of Advent
- Partner with local businesses to host each day/night
- Each business could host a different holiday if want (celebrating different cultures)
- Not until 2023- lots of planning

Fireworks

- We need to form our subcommittee to get this ball rolling
- We need to decide if we should hold them at Summer solstice or the Ampitheater Opening.
- Cost is about \$15,000 for a 20 minute show (not on 4th of July).
- Emily Bradley and Emily Croteau volunteered to be the representatives for the Main committee on the subcommittee.
- Tiffany will oversee them as both are students and would benefit from adult oversight.

Ice Cream Truck

- Can we have an open ended date because pin pointing the weather is difficult
- Tiffany to find out more information about how we can make this happen

Financial

- We need to purchase totes to organize out supplies and things
- Voted to purchase 7 small clear totes
 - Motion Deb Emily B 2nd
Debra (Y) Emily B (Y) Abigail (Y) Tiffany (Y) Emily C (Y)

Tiffany informed to Committee that she was applying for the Recreation Coordinator position and if she was selected she would no longer hold a seat on the Committee but would still attend all meetings as their Town agent.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Deb motion, Emily B 2nd

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Approved:

Abigail Bradley
Debra Bradley
Emily Bradley