

**Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Recreation Commission
January 17, 2023 Minutes-6:30pm
Town Hall 4th floor conference room**

Committee Members Present: Dawn Higgins, Tiffany Newton (Recreation Coordinator), Debra Bradley, Abbigail Bradley, Emily Croteau

Absent Members: Emily Bradley

Non- Members:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

No new membership to address. Diedre Holt may be interested per Dawn.

Updates:

Art Nights

- Glass Art- sold 10 tickets already
- String art- Up for sale- no tickets yet
- March- Michelle from EHOD will host- planning to donate so Recreation can get the funds

Amphitheater

- Grand Opening Planning moving forward

Murder Mystery Dinner

- We opened a 2nd date on Feb 10th
- We have already sold 8 tickets out of the 15 available

Winchendon Music Festival

- Still working with Justin about logistics of moving this forward

Johnny Appleseed Flyer

- Presented for review-no comments

Event Calendar

- Updated calendar was passed out
- Note that summer concert series is extended to Aug 4th
- We added one paid event at the amphitheater on August 26th

Old Business:

Wilderness Classes

- We received the OK from DPW to host in April on limited area of the park
- Tiffany will set up dates with the company this week

Trail Clean Up

- WCP spoke about getting Bobby Curley out to do major trail clean up
- We will arrange volunteers to work with Bobby

Easter Egg Hunt

- Abby will be the E. Bunny

- Fidelity is interested in being involved, possibly paying for a photographer to take photos with the E. Bunny.
 - Tiffany will speak with Fidelity Manager this week or next
- Dawn suggested lollipops for the E. Bunny to give out.

New Business

CPAC

- Deb is the Recreation representative
- There will be a Special town meeting on March 13th
- If the CPA passes at the town meeting it will be put on a ballot vote in May
- This would mean taxes will go up a max of 3% with the first \$100,000 of home value being exempt. The state will match the town input 100%.(approx. \$500,000/yr)
- Must be used on Housing, Historic, Conservation, and Recreation with a guarantee of 10% each year to each category

Summer Concert Series

- Lineup is TBR, Mr. Strickland, Ron Morey, Faceless Hobos, Perfect Alibi.
- Suggested a rain date of Sunday afternoons from 2-4pm
- Deb made a motion to have summer concert series raindates on Sundays. Emily C 2nd the motion

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Tour de Winchendon

- Deb made a motion to hold the Tour de Winchendon on September 16, 2023.
Dawn 2nd the motion

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- It should be family friendly
- How can we get others involved
- We will bring more specific ideas to the next meeting for planning

Minutes

- Dawn made a motion to accept the minutes from January 3, 2023 as presented.
Emily C 2nd

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Financials

Budget

- Tiffany presented the proposed budget to the commission for review
- Asking \$4,450 for general Recreation Operating budget, a \$400 increase
- This year due to the new department and expanded park there are new budget items sections of Community Days and a General Office budget
 - These items total \$4,170
- A total budget will be requested for \$8,600

- We will remove the line item of \$75 for the pet parade as that will be added into our community days next year
- Deb asked if we could add our grant funding to the budget sheet for visual purposes.

Others

- Our next meeting Feb 7th
- The bylaws to merge committees with the WCP will be put on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on March 13th

Adjourned: 7:23 p.m.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn and Deb 2nd

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Approved:

Emily Bradley
Abigail Bradley
Dawn Higgins
John Bradley
Emily Albeau