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**Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Recreation Commission
February 7, 2023 Minutes-6:30pm
Town Hall 4th floor conference room**

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

Absent Members: Emily Bradley, Emily Croteau

Non- Members: Justin Sultzbach (Town Manager), Jill Sacket, Tina Santos, Kassandra Santos, Andrew Beauvais

Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m.

Vote to take the CPA vote out of order so Town Manager can speak to it.

Debra B motioned to take the CPA vote out of order, Abby 2nd

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Debra explained what the CPA is and what it would mean for the town and recreation.

Mr. Sultzbach cleared up any further questions.

Dawn made a motion to recommend the CPA at the Special Town Meeting. Debra B 2nd.

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The Bylaws for the merge have been put on the Special Town Meeting Warrant for March 13th. Minor changes were made by legal counsel and therefore a new vote to recommend is required. This was an unforeseen item until this afternoon.

Debra B made a motion to recommend the bylaw change at Special Town Meeting in March. Dawn 2nd

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Andrew Beauvais and Kassandra Santos came as potential new members. They have already submitted letters of interest. They were told that with the upcoming merge new letters will need to be written at that time to join the newly formed committee if they join now just so everyone has the most up to date information.

Andrew is a Town resident since 8 yrs old and finally has time to give back to the community and is excited to be involved

Kassandra is a sophomore at Murdock and is looking to get involved. She has lived here her whole life and is also a youth changemaker.

Updates:

Art Nights

- Glass Art-went over well and had 11 attendees
- String art- Still no ticket sales. We will set a cutoff date that we may need to cancel the class if no one signs up
- March- We have already sold 6 tickets

Amphitheater

- The Grand Opening is still on track
- We are having a new logo designed
- Few minor band changes but everything is looking good

Disc Golf

- They have brought on a new designer and he is looking to put in 18 holes to be completed by mid to late summer

Murder Mystery Dinner

- The second date is sold out
- Everything is set to go off without an issue

Wilderness Survival Classes

- Date haven't been picked yet but looking for end of March or Sometime in April
- Classes are 3 hrs long and we will to a 4-6 week series

Trail Clean Up Dates

- The Park is hiring Bobby Curley to come get these together
- Date for the community to come do some haven't been decided yet
- There is a new park member who can help lead, as he is trained in Trail maintenance
- Tina Santos suggested asking the Scouts

Old Business:*Tour De Winchendon*

- Tina Santos made a comment that the price was a deterrent the last time this was held.
- Suggestions to use new mural at the bike path as a stop, new healthy drink shop, slushy shop, and maybe end at Bull spit for a beer for parents.
- Could be do a map with spots and photos and an ending point and people could do it themselves?
- Debra B will find out when the triathlon is and we may need to change the date as to not overlap.

New Business*Review of Rental Policies & Fees*

- Revisions were done as rentals have come in and new questions have arose.
- Debra B made a motion to accept the revisions of the rental application as presented. Dawn 2nd

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- The rental fee schedule has some minor changes but most importantly has a new section for non-profit rates
- Tiffany let the group know that the WCP committee approved them temporarily because they wanted youth to have some other break down. After speaking with the Town Manager about it, this isn't feasible and it is suggested to keep things simple. If youth want to rent the park they will have to find other private funding options but we cannot continue to break everything into such small categories

- Dawn made a motion to approve the updated rental fee schedule as presented and Debra B 2nd
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Fidelity Bank Acts of Caring

- This new program allows each branch to spend up to \$400 a month on things in the community.
- Andrew Beauvais is the Branch Manager for Winchendon Fidelity
- Some of the thoughts were helping with candy to fill Easter Eggs, Purchasing tickets to our concerts and giving them away for free to the community, ect
- Only caveat is needing to take pictures while doing the work.

Minutes

- Debra B made a motion to postpone all the minutes until our next meeting. Dawn 2nd
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Financials

- No comments on financials as presented

Other Business

- None at this time

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

Debra B made a motion to adjourn and Abby 2nd

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Approved:

Emily Broadway
Abigail Grandley
Dawn Higgins
Abby Brady
Emily Coteau