

**Town of Winchendon
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the July 1, 2021 Meeting**

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 – Rick Ward

1. Minutes from June 24th, 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:
 - Clark YMCA -Mike Quinn will send someone 7/1/2021, (no one came from the Clark) Beals, no response.
 - 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 “Cookie lady” – Same person who is set up for at the Farmers Market. Audrey LaBrie – Not available to do set up.
 - o 4:30/5:00 Band Set Up – Linda H will meet the bands.
 - Give check to band.

As noted by Debra Bradley

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!

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.

4. Fourth of July Subcommittee

o Recruit members

i. Tiffany and Debra volunteered, need to recruit more members.

1. Recreation Committee to oversee.

2. Rick Ward – Passed out a flyer of past even in 1984. Discussed many options and activities as the past event was 5 days long depending on what day of the week the 4th fell on.

3. Check with the Clark to see if Summer Solstice is going to be back on next year.

a. Decided to go with just the Fireworks display to start with.

b. May join on Summer Solstice instead of 4th of July depending on what the Clark is doing.

4. Michelle Comou – Town paid \$10,000 for fireworks.

• Start planning for 2022

5. Apply for RB Fund for budget help.

Motion to adjourn and continue below items for next meeting. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 15th, 7:00 Town Hall 4th Floor.

5. Fall Festival

o Laura and Tiffany not available to assist day of event.

o Maybe assistance from Key Club from HS.

i. Debra to contact school.

ii. Six or so volunteers needed to help.

o 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.

o 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!

6. New Events

As noted by Debra Bradley

- May set up Friends of Winchendon for funds.
- Tour de Winchendon (play off of Tour De France this year is running June 26 – July 18)
 - i. Bike Trail
 - ii. Family biking event
 - iii. H.E.A.L Passports?
 - iv. Pit stops
 - v. Maybe \$25 registration fee per family (similar to 5K registration)
 - vi.
- Movie/Star Gazing Night
 - i. WCP would like to volunteer and have a table with info.
 - ii. Beals is also having similar night.