



Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes from meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
at the 4th Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room  
at Winchendon Town Hall

Present: Laura Gaydos, Brian Dickens, Tina Santos, Michaela Benedict

**Agenda**

**Approved:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Changes to the committee's vacancy description
2. Fall Fest planning
3. Other

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Changes to the committee's vacancy description**
  - a. The committee seeks to change its vacancy description, and read through its proposed edit to its current one. Here is the new description:

*"There is a Recreation Commission consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. One member is a student in good standing from the Murdock Middle School, and one member is a student in good standing from the Murdock High School. Student members are appointed annually.*

*The Commission acts in an advisory capacity in matters pertaining to public recreation, makes annual budget recommendations, and assist in planning a recreation program to stimulate public interest.*

*The stated and primary function of the Commission is to expand and enhance the recreation opportunities for the residents of Winchendon."*

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the previous description which would constitute a change to the Town bylaws and require approval at Town Meeting.

## **2. Fall Fest planning**

- a. The Town's annual festival, *Fall Fest*, is taking place on October 7, 2017.
- b. For the past two years, the Parks Committee has provided pumpkins for children at the festival to paint and take home, free of charge. In 2016, the committee brought 150 miniature pumpkins, and will look to bring the same amount in 2017. Laura will contact local farm Smith's Country Cheese in order to buy the pumpkins.
- c. Paints: Brian can buy paint through the Town account that sources from our own committee's budget, and Laura can get paint brushes for cheap at a local flea market. Tina can find table cloths, and student representative Michaela can bring tables.
- d. The committee decided to just provide pumpkins for painting and not to run a contest with prizes.

**ADJOURNED** at 7:55 p.m.

**Next meeting:** TBD