



Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from meeting on November 18th, 2015
at Beals Memorial Library upstairs

Present: Chairperson Noel Veilleux, and members Laura Gaydos and Brian Dickens

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Agenda: Planning of December events

The committee plans to continue its First Friday events at Town Hall. On December 4th, 2015, they will host Tracie Pouliot and the Chair City Arts Project from Gardner, MA. The "mobile museum" will feature antiques from Gardner furniture factories and antique letterpress machines as well. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The next day, December 5th at 4:00pm, the committee will hold an annual gathering in front of Town Hall as they light the Christmas tree there. Children and parents are welcomed to ride a hayride managed by Brooks Automotive, leaving from the Fire Station at 3:30 p.m.

Separate from winter plans, the committee discussed the future of "Winchendon Winds". In the summer of 2015, local musician Jon Nickerson formed a community orchestra band that hosted concerts downtown. As Mr. Nickerson passed away this fall, the committee expresses its condolences to his family.

His daughter Inanna Arthen is a minister at Winchendon's Unitarian Universalist Church. The committee keeps correspondence with her and supports her intentions to host the series in 2016 in her father's memory. The committee is evaluating grants and additional funding to make this happen.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.