

KENSINGTON PARKS and SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting December 11, 2018

Kensington Elementary School Library

Call to order 7:05 pm

Attending

Elaine Bodwell, Member

Donna Carter, Member

Lili Spinosa, Member

Ben Cole, Selectman Liaison, Member

Public Attendees:

Sarah Hoffmaster

Recognition of public in attendance – opportunity to speak

Discussion: Old business was reviewed.

- The *Ski Bradford Program* is organized; will begin January 5, 2019. Thank you Courtney Prenata and Jess Costa.
- The *Adult Basketball Program* began on Thursday, December 6, 2018. Stephen McDonough organized the program; communicates with the attendance forms, waivers and payments to Kathleen Felch, Assessor. Thank you Stephen.
- The *Holiday Stroll*, November, 25, 2018 received positive feedback from the public. The three horse-drawn wagons, provided by Chris and Holly Batchelder were full; about 10 adults walked to the Church. This was a wonderful Community event involving participation by the Town, School (thank you Lili) and Church.
- Discussion in regards to changes/improvements for the Stroll next year. The following are suggestions offered:
 - ✓ Gathering time at the park begin at 4:45 pm for tree lighting; children/adults decorate the tree with the bird ornaments made by the school children; singing of Christmas Carols.
 - ✓ Designate 1 or 2 individuals to “take the lead”; to begin the activities for the tree lighting, decorating and singing.
 - ✓ Someone passing out the Christmas Carols song books, (stored at the Town Hall during the year) as people enter the park to walk up to the tree lighting (by the flag pole). Donna Carter organized having these last year.
 - ✓ Increase advertising for the stroll. Communication for the Stroll was in the Kensington Community Church Newsletter and the Recreation Committee Town minutes. We discussed making/posting colorful flyers; etc.

- ✓ Do we want to have another wagon; keeping in mind the numbers of families could change and the expense of the wagons/horses? Jingle Bells for the horses?
- ✓ **Thanks!** Fire Chief True who purchased the lights; drove the Fire Truck to the park, used the long hooked poles for decorating; even leaned a ladder against the tree; climbing to reach higher. Jessica Fillippone, Vanessa Rozier, Sarah Hoffmaster and Hal Bodwell were Chief True's assistants. Elaine Bodwell sat on a swing and supervised. A fun morning was enjoyed by all! Thanks to everyone who participated.
- ✓ **Thanks!** Chief Sanders and his officer, Josh for escorting the wagons in the Town Cruisers
- ✓ Chris, Holly and Kaitlyn Batchelder, thank you for organizing the horses, wagons and drivers.
- ✓ The pictures taken by many were wonderful!

Thanks to everyone who participated.

Father/Daughter Dance

Elaine met with Eric Frederekson, programs coordinator and director at Alnoba December 6, 2018. Eric and Elaine discussed the layout of the rooms used for dancing and the beverage/food tables; photo booth; DJ music area.

The date for this event has been scheduled for February 8, 2019 at Alnoba, Kensington, NH; 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Tickets for the evening are \$25.00 per couple. They can be purchased at Kensington Elementary School one week in advance.

Donna Carter has contacted A & B Music; fee \$300.00; Smiley's Photo Booth, Kingston, NH; \$350.00. The date is open for both, so we are penciled in. We will confirm with approval from the Selectman.

Sarah Hoffmaster and Lili Spinosa will ask volunteers to help with the food set-up and clean-up on this evening. Sarah has posted "Save the Date" on Kensington Connect and will help to distribute Social Media Flyers.

The food and beverages are supplied by the Recreation Committee; welcome volunteers. The following are planned:

- Vegetable & Dip platters
- Fruit
- Pizza delivered from Pizza Academy, Exeter, NH
- Beverages: Lemonade and iced fruited water
- Cookies

Paper cups, plates, napkins and tablecloths for 6 round tables and two rectangular tables for food/beverage.; center pieces for the round tables.

Other Business:

- *Eggstravaganza* - **April 13, 2019** (Easter is April 21, 2019). Lili is asking to reserve the Gymnasium at KES for this date.
- *Summer Camp Programming* – Elaine is calling Emma Quimby, camp coordinator 2018 and Alison Belisle, Assistant Camp Coordinator to ask if either one is interested in the Summer Camp program 2019. Donna will contact Kelsey Plourde and Emily Greenwood, coordinators in past summers.
- *Kensington Town Festival* - The date **July 13, 2019** has been tentatively set. We need to confirm we can use the park on this date and approval from the Selectman. Last year a well-known group in the Seacoast Area, the “Doo Wop” group, music of the 1950’s & 1960’s presented a family show Friday evening. In the past, there has been family activities throughout the day on Saturday in the Sawyer Park: bouncy swings; pie eating contest; pot-luck dinner; grilled burgers & dogs; fireworks in the evening are a few of the activities; a couple of years, there was a family walk/run and Meadow Bingo! Sunday morning a pancake breakfast is sponsored by the Perry Family at Sawyer Park. There will be more discussion in planning this event. Do you have ideas?

A general review and discussion regarding all the Recreation Committee activities/events took place. Several new ideas were presented: Family Archery Program; Family Hip Hop evening of dance lessons; square dancing; go to a climbing wall.

The Kensington Park and Social Committee (Recreation Committee) usually meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. in the Town Hall. The public is welcomed to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

***The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** (4th Wednesday of the month) 7:00 pm in the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Bodwell