

Town of Kensington  
Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC)  
October 6, 2022  
Public Meeting, Town Hall  
5:00 pm

**Attending:**

Donna Carter, KRSC Member (attended via Zoom due to conflict)  
Sarah Turcott, KRSC Member  
Lili Spinosa, KRSC Member  
Jessica Minghella, KRSC Member

Meeting opened at 5:08 pm.

**Ski Club (snowboarding and skiing):** Sarah Turcott is working with Courtney Preneta to bring this club back again, offering both a beginner and advanced program! As Gunstock is full, we will move forward with the advanced program to be held at Pats Peak Ski Area in Henniker, NH. The plan is to host this advanced program on Wednesday evenings for the more experienced skiers in 3rd-8th grade. Busing to Pats Peak will be offered at no additional cost to Kensington residents, with the expectations to pick up registered skiers at KES ~3:30pm. Several chaperones will be necessary, but kids in this advanced program will be required to put on their own gear. The beginner program will continue at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester, NH on Thursday evenings, for K-5th graders; as there will be no offered busing to Manchester, parents will be required to transport their skiers. The Selectboard has already been made aware of the 2 programs and expected registration fees. Registration details will be forthcoming.

**Halloween Pumpkin Wall :** Light Up Kensington with Pumpkins! This event will be held on Oct 30th at the stonewall parking lot across from the Town Hall and Church. Carved pumpkins and decorated pumpkins can be dropped off by 5pm at the stonewall and need to be picked up by 7pm otherwise will be offered up to the local farm animals as a Halloween treat! KRSC together with the Congregational Church will host a voting competition for best pumpkin, with a cash prize to be awarded on the 31st. Lili and Donna will be at the parking lot to light up all participating pumpkins, hand out candy items to trick or treaters, and to manage the voting! KRSC will post this event on the social media outlets with hopes of obtaining record number of pumpkins from residents!

**Holiday Stroll:** KRSC and the Congregational Church together are bringing back the horse drawn carriage rides for this event, planned for Nov 27th. The cost of the carriages has increased greatly since the horses were last part of the event in 2018. KRSC members discussed the unexpected rate increase (\$1100 per cart from the previous years of \$500 per cart), and ultimately voted to move forward with approving 3 horse drawn carts to participate in the stroll. The plan is to begin at Sawyer Park at 4:30pm, where town residents can board the horse drawn carriage, making a stop at KES before continuing to the Congregational Church for the live nativity scene. Jean Waldron from the Church, confirmed participants will be welcomed into the Fellowship Hall of the Church for refreshments. There will also be a Giving Tree set up in the Fellowship Hall for local families in need. KRSC sent a write up of this event to Pam Schwotzer for the upcoming edition of the Community News.

**Father Daughter Dance:** KRSC members briefly started the discussion of bringing this much anticipated event back, with a hopeful date of Feb 10, 2023. Donna will be in contact with Alnoba personnel to confirm an available date.

**New Events:** KRSC members briefly discussed planning a mother and son event, as well as creating new events for the mature town residents. Further discussion and brainstorming will be on agenda at an upcoming meeting.

**Summer Camp 2023:** KRSC would like to extend offers to both the Summer Camp 2022 Coordinator and Director to return for Summer Camp 2023; Lili to attend an upcoming Selectboard meeting to request approval to extend offers. Oct 12th update: Selectboard approval granted, and offers were extended to both.

**Budget:** There remains \$5058.68 of the annual 12K in the budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee has moved their regular meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall; this is subject to change based on the members' availability. The public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for 03-Nov-22, 5pm, at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Minghella