

Town of Kensington
Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC)
November 3, 2022
Public Meeting, Town Hall
5:00 pm

Attending:

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

Meeting opened at 5:15 pm.

Halloween Pumpkin Wall : The event was a success and resident Jeff Brown won the most votes and was awarded the \$15 prize money. Moving forward, KRSC to discuss hosting this event on Oct 31st or a non-trick-or treat night for 2024. This will allow more viewers to be able to visit the wall and see the display.

Holiday Stroll: KRSC continued discussion surrounding the stroll with 3 horse drawn carriages, planned for Nov 27th. KRSC obtained selectboard approval for the cost of the carriages, at \$3300. In addition, KRSC has decided to line the 1.3 mile roadway (from Sawyer Park to Congregation Church) with luminary bags containing battery operated LED tea-lights. Based on the distance, and spacing the luminaries 20ft apart, it was estimated that 300 bags and tea-lights would be required. KRSC members will review the options and bring the expected cost to the Selectboard for approval. Chief True and Chief Cain have been notified of the event, and will be updated with the addition of luminary bags to ensure they have no concerns. Jean Waldron from the Church, previously confirmed there will be a live nativity scene, and 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 confirmed there are no changes to the Church's expected plan for this event.

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 is awaiting a response from Alnoba personnel to confirm this date.

New Events: KRSC again briefly discussed planning a mother and son event (i.e. fishing, bowling, rock climbing gym, open to additional ideas). Members discussed the upcoming planning for a social hour (or similar community activity) for the senior town residents. Further discussion and brainstorming will be on agenda at an upcoming meeting.

Summer Camp 2023: KRSC has extended offers to both the Summer Camp 2022 Coordinator and Director to return for Summer Camp 2023; currently awaiting their responses.

New Year's Eve Fireworks: The 3rd annual firework display at Sawyer Park will occur 31-Dec-22. Donna is working to secure the contract and Selectboard will be notified of the cost for their approval. Details of the event will be shared on the various social media platforms and on the KES marquis.

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

Other Items: Courtney Brady spoke of the upcoming Holiday Market at KES, planned for 03-Dec-22. The PTO is hosting this event and looking to obtain donated items for the raffle table. Courtney requested approval of the KRSC to donate a week of summer camp 2023 as a raffle item. The members voted and agreed to provide 1 week of summer camp 2023 to the PTO Holiday Market raffle. The selectboard will be made aware of this request and member approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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 15-Dec-22, 5pm, at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Minghella