## Town of Kensington Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC) November 14, 2023 Public Meeting, Town Hall 5:30 pm

## Attending:

Lili Spinosa, KRSC Member Donna Carter, KRSC Member Sarah Turcott, KRSC Member (attended via Zoom) Bob Soloman, Board of Selectman

Suzie Swales, Public Attendee

Meeting opened at 5:34 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting accepted.

**Tax Bill Increase:** Selectboard has requested all committees to review budget and determine if budget cut is possible. KRSC current annual budget is 12K. The current revolver standing was reviewed and the KRSC members voted to reduce budget by 10% and lessen impact on tax rate; therefore reducing annual budget by \$1200. Bob Soloman will notify the Selectboard of this voluntary budget decrease decision.

**Senior Coffee Chats:** KRSC Members voted to host coffee chat on Tuesday, Dec 12th, 10:00-11:30am; as The Grange was closed for the winter months, the Dec coffee chat session will be hosted at the Town Hall. Lili to coordinate with the Kindergarten teachers. Members reviewed the supplies needed.

**Holiday Stroll:** KRSC and the Congregational Church together are planning the stroll with the 3 horse drawn carriages, to occur Nov 26th. The final event details were discussed and confirmed to be complete. The luminary bags will again be placed from the Sawyer Park parking lot down Trundlebed Rd and down Route 150 to the Congregational Church. The KCC is also confirmed to be near complete with their planning stages. POST MEETING UPDATE: The Santa and Mrs. Claus volunteers were contacted to confirm their ongoing interest in this event, and details were provided to them.

**Sweetheart Dance:** Alnoba has confirmed the event date of Friday, Feb 2, 2024.

## Other Items:

- 1. Sweetheart Dance: Donna has not yet received
- 2. Stephanie agreed to join the next KRSC meeting to start discussions of summer camp 2024
- 3. Discussed adding all KRSC events to the town website calendar, for ease of searching for events.
- 4. New program discussion: Penpals w/seniors. Sarah spoke with Kathy of logistics in gathering addresses for interested seniors. Sarah also spoke with Becky Ruel at KES, to relay how this would be a great extension for the now 1st graders who were able to meet and connect with seniors in the coffee chat last year.

Meeting closed at 6:31pm.

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee has moved their regular meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall; this is subject to change based on the members' availability. The public is always encouraged to attend. The next KRSC meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2023, 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Minghella