

KENSINGTON PARK and SOCIAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Kensington Elementary School Library

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
6:00 PM

Call to order: 6:00 PM

Attending

Elaine Bodwell, Member
Donna Carter, Member
Lili Spinosa, Member
Jessica Minghella, Member

Public Attending

Wendi Smith, Child's Play; Timbernook Programs
Jen Macek, Summer Camp 2020 Coordinator
Lynne Monroe, Heritage Commission
Alec Lager, Trail Committee
Meghan Gross, Heritage Commission
Jean Waldron, Kensington Congregational Church
Jim Webber, Photo Booth & badges

Recognition of public in attendance – opportunity to speak

- Wendi Smith, a Kensington resident, is an Occupational Therapist in the N. Andover, MA School System. Wendi also is associated and works with the TimberNook Programs of the N. Shore, MA. The TimberNook program is a nature based play experience for all children that challenges the senses, inspires creativity, independence and imagination. The programs are designed to meet the needs of children in age groups accordingly: ages 18 months and up; 3 to 5 years old; 6 to 9 years old; 10 to 12 years old. Wendi presented the program to this committee for interest and if perhaps there is a possibility it could be incorporated into the Summer Camp program 2020. All attending were very interested. Jen Macek expressed that one of the weeks currently planned is Nature Week. Wendi and Jen are each working on how this might work.
- Jen Macek presented the web site she created for Kensington Summer Camp 2020. This can be accessed by going to the town web site. Clicking on Kensington Park and Social Committee. Flyers have been distributed to surrounding towns. Lili is going to take the tri-fold brochures to Staples to be printed. They will be available at KES, Kensington Library and the Town Hall. Jen expressed that all the counselors are returning; new background checks will be required; CPR classes are up to date. All applications can be accessed on line. Fire Chief True has secured a permanent cell phone for Summer Camp use. Biking and walking to events at Alnoba can be accessed by trails. There is a small stretch of private property that needs to be approved by the landowners. Thank you Jen and Catherine Bannister, Director.

- **KENSINGTON OLD HOME DAYS: SAVE THE DATES:** August 22 and 23, 2020

At 7:00 Pm, the discussion regarding Kensington Old Home Days began. The date August 22, 2020 was unanimously voted on. There was a great representation for our first meeting. Alex Lager, representing the Trails Committee is researching trails for a guided tour; Jim Webber will conduct the photo booth with props and making badges; Lynne Munroe and Meghan Gross represented the Heritage Commission. Lynne brought information about past Old Home Days, suggesting a photographer. Jean Waldron represented the Kensington Congregational Church, perhaps having a Bake Off. Jessica Fillipione is checking out the interest for a road race/family walk. We plan to have the annual barbecue, the firemen's Association with their expertise grilling skills; pot luck salads/desserts from the public; Pie Eating Contest. Who would be interested in a Dunking Booth? With the Trustees help we hope to have The Farm at Eastman's Corner participate. We are in hopes of having a Corn Hole Tournament; the bungee cord swings; a DJ; really would like to have local musicians participate too. The PTO is willing to participate, perhaps Face Painting; the Library is celebrating their 125th Anniversary all year. Looking forward to the Police Association's participation. The climax to Saturday's event will be the Fire Works Display. On Sunday morning, Russell and Dawn Perry and family are eager to host the pancake breakfast under the Pavilion at Sawyer Park. We are hoping that Church services will be at the Universalist Church. During the day, people will be welcomed to attend the Historical Society yard sale at the North Brick School House on Rt. 150; also tour the beautiful school house building.

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee usually meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. in the Town Hall. The public is welcomed to attend. All meetings or change of times/dates will be posted.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 PM; in the Town Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Bodwell