

Town of Kensington
Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC)
January 11, 2024
Public Meeting, Town Hall
5:30 pm

Attending:

Lili Spinosa, KRSC Member
Courtney Brady, KRSC Member
Donna Carter, KRSC Member
Sarah Turcott, KRSC Member
Jessica Minghella, KRSC Member

Stephanie Kosakowski, Kensington Summer Camp Coordinator/ Director

Suzie Swales, Public Attendee

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm.
Minutes from previous meeting accepted.

Summer Camp 2024: Stephanie attended this meeting as returning Summer Camp Coordinator/ Director, to discuss her plans for 2024 Summer Camp with a review of the themed weeks and recent survey results. Based on the survey responses, the 2024 camp hours will be revised. The initial discussion during this meeting proposed extending regular camp day hours to 3:30pm and remove the extended day late pick up option. This was based on the review of the low number of campers present at extended day in camp 2023 coupled with the survey results confirming low interest in the extended day hours for camp 2024.

Survey comments regarding weekly trips to the Kingston State Park for lake swimming and beach play were reviewed, and it was noted that multiple families expressed concern with children having access to the lake as well as the necessary self-provided transportation concerns. KRSC decided to cancel the weekly Kingston Park trips based on these concerns. Camp budget is \$500/ week and various activities and opportunities to provide to the campers were discussed. KRSC discussed an increase in the weekly camp rate to \$20, based on increased park costs and to provide pizza lunches and camp shirts. This will be presented to the Selectboard at their upcoming meeting on 22 JAN 2024. Sarah confirmed online registration and waivers will be available this year and the website is currently being constructed.

Based on Stephanie's feedback from Camp 2023, KRSC voted to increase the minimum age of CITs to 15 years old/ entering 10th grade.

Sweetheart Dance: The registration forms have been provided to KES for distribution as well as made available on the town website. The event is scheduled at Alnoba for Friday, 02 Feb 2024, this will be open to Kensington residents in Kindergarten- 6th grade. A review of the event was held during this meeting to confirm all supplies and personnel/ activities were scheduled as follows: the DJ has been booked from 5-8pm, charging \$450. Donna to reach out to Jim Weber regarding his interest to continue hosting the photo booth. Pizza will be purchased through Pizza Academy in Exeter. Melissa Lacasse confirmed her attendance to photograph the event. Quick review of refreshment order from 2023; to purchase same quantity of food/ beverage items. Review of borrowed items from 2023 for table and gathering room decorations.

Senior Coffee Chats: A Valentine's Day coffee chat (Silver Valentine's Brunch) is scheduled for 14 FEB 2024 at KES from 10:15-11:15am. KRSC members have planned to arrive 30mins prior to set-up and discussed what food and drink items to provide.

NYE Fireworks: The 31 DEC 2023 firework event was reviewed to discuss the parking issues that ensued due to the overwhelming attendance. Future NYE firework events will require a scheduled KPD detail and parking restrictions (w/ cones) on one side of Trundle Bed, to ensure safe and proper flow of traffic.

Additional Events: KRSC discussed the annual budget reduction of \$1200 and whether this will impact 2024 events. With 20K in the current KRSC revolver, the members feel we can still move forward with the annual and newly proposed events as follows (these are subject to change):

1. 02-Feb-24: Sweetheart Dance
2. 14-Feb-24: Silver Valentines Dance
3. 00-Mar-24 Coffee Chat (date TBD)
4. 30-Mar-24: Eggstravaganza at KES (time TBD)
5. 03-May-24: Family Ice Skate Evening at The Rinks, 5:30-7pm (details TBD)
6. 00-May-24: Coffee Chat (date TBD)
7. 19-May-24: Mother/ Son Fishing Trip with Al Guaron (details TBD)
8. 02-Jun-24: Assist PTO w/ Crowned Hawk Classic Run
9. 00-Jun-24: Coffee Chat (date TBD)
10. 17-Aug-24: Old Home Day Weekend
11. 00-Sep-24: Coffee Chat (date TBD)
12. 00-Oct-24: A Halloween Event to be Proposed
13. 12-Nov-24: Coffee Chat, with a "Giving Thanks" theme
14. 02-Dec-24: Holiday Stroll
15. 31-Dec-24: NYE Fireworks

The events will be posted on the KRSC Social Media accounts as well as the Town website calendar.

Meeting closed at 7:00pm.

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee meetings are scheduled for 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 February 8, 2024, 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Minghella