

March 11, 2020; 6:30 PM; Kensington Town Hall
Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Attending:

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

Public Attending:

Jen Macek, Summer Camp 2020 Coordinator
Catherine Bannister, Summer Camp 2020 Director

New Business:

Easter is April 12, 2020; planning the Easter Eggstravaganza for Saturday April 5, 2020 at KES. With concerns for the safety for all, and many unknown factors due to the current COVID-19 Virus, the Recreation and Social Committee is scheduling a public meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at "The Farm at Eastman's Corner"; 3:30 PM to make a decision to cancel or continue to hold the event.

Kensington Summer Camp 2020 (*hosted at Sawyer Park and Kensington Elementary School*) Jen Macek, Camp Coordinator and Catherine Bannister, Camp Director have been working diligently this winter to create the program and details for Kensington Summer Camp 2020. We are excited to announce that there will be a camp offered to the Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th grade population) to participate in their own camp in addition to the Elementary School children's program this year. Jen and Catherine created a 3-fold, colorful brochure for each of the age groups; available at KES, town library and town office. Summer Camp will begin June 22nd to August 21st for the Elementary age children; July 6th to August 7th for the Middle school adolescents. The brochures indicate the theme and a brief description of activities for each week planned. Camp counselors have been hired; a Recreation Summer Camp Staff Manual has been created and printed; registration forms, medical and emergency forms are available. Registrations and other necessary forms are on the Kensington Town web-site at: www.town.kensington.nh.us. Submit or mail a check made out to the 'Town of Kensington' with the completed registration forms to the Kensington Town Hall; 95 Amesbury Road; Kensington, NH 03833. Registration is now open. The deadline for registration is May 1st, 2020. Please refer to the web-site and brochures for more detail description and information. Thank you Jen and Catherine!

Kensington 'Old Home' Days 2020 (August 21st, 22nd & 23rd) Save these dates

At the February and March meetings, The Recreation and Social Committee had a wonderful representation and support by many of the organizations and individuals in town for planning Kensington Old Home Days 2020. The following dates and activities were suggested.

Friday evening: Friday evening, a Contra Dance at the Kensington Grange Hall or Town Hall for all.

Saturday: Begin the day with a 5K family road race/walk starting at Sawyer Park

(organized by Courtney Prenata); Meadow Bingo (*Do you know what this is and have you ever played? Surprise!*). The Heritage Commission represented by Meghan Gross and Lynn Monroe suggested organizing House Tours in several Old Houses in Kensington for those who are interested. Plans are in the process. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm The Historical Society will be having the second weekend of their Annual Yard Sale at the Brick School House, Rte.150; a great opportunity to shop and visit inside the one room school house.

At 4:00 pm, activities back at Sawyer Park will begin: Meadow Bingo could still be taking place; planning for a Corn Hole Tournament is in process (KYAA); Photo Booth with props (Jim Webber & assistant); Kensington Congregational Church Bake Off table (Jean Waldron representative); the Library will have a table, perhaps a craft activity (not determined at this time, Susie Gilbert representative); PTO, represented by Sarah Wiggin will participate (possibly face painting, not determined at this time); the Police Association will have 2 cruisers at the park for demonstration and exhibition and perhaps a raffle table. A DJ with music and games will be present during the afternoon activities and into the evening. A favorite activity of the children is the Bungee Jump Swing; plans to secure this are in process.

At 5:00 pm, the annual barbecue will begin: We welcome the Firemen's Association again as our primo chefs for the evening. They will have the traditional fireman's boot available for donations to the association.

Following the barbecue will be the pie eating contest.

Fireworks display: The finale for Saturday, we plan to have the fantastic Fireworks display as in previous years. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, etc. and **BUG SPRAY!**

Clean-Up of the park!

Sunday Morning: Russ and Dawn Perry have offered to host a pancake breakfast under the Pavilion at Sawyer Park.

Following breakfast: A church service in the Kensington Universalist Church is in the planning stages. A panoramic picture of everyone attending will be taken in front of the church following the service

The Trail Committee in Kensington (Alec Lager, representative) is planning to organize a walk on trails in Kensington on Sunday.

"Kensington Old Home Days" weekend is a special time in the community. If you would like to participate in the planning process/helping in any capacity, please call a member of the Recreation Committee. Times and details for this event will be in the June Community Newsletter. Thank you all!

Respectfully,

The Recreation and Social Committee:

Elaine Bodwell	Lili Spinoso
Donna Carter	Jessica Minghella