

Town of Kensington
Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC)
February 9, 2023
Public Meeting, Town Hall
5:00 pm

Attending:

Donna Carter, KRSC Member
Sarah Turcott, KRSC Member
Jessica Minghella, KRSC Member
Lili Spinosa, KRSC Member
Bob Soloman, Board of Selectman

Meeting opened at 5:10 pm.

Sweetheart Dance: KRSC briefly discussed the recent dance, reviewed the itemized expenses and the quantity of food/ drinks purchased for the event. Sarah T to update the event budget with the actual expenditures. The dance was well attended with 38 couples (some with multiple children) for a total of 83 attendees. Melissa Lacasse provided the link to the photos captured, and this was reviewed and posted to the Kensington Connects FB page.

Summer Camp 2023: Since the previous KRSC meeting, the Summer Camp Assistant Director job description was created and approved by the Selectboard. Sara Quimby, Camp Director, has also reviewed this job description with no additional comments/ suggestions. The open camp Job Descriptions, Applications, and required Background Check Document will soon be posted on the town website. Post Meeting Update: These documents are now available on the KRSC/ Summer Camp 2023 Department pages on the Town website.

Discussion surrounded the items that need to be prioritized in regards to camp: identifying qualified candidates, creating a brochure and weekly camp themes, weekly field/ beach trips, and the online registration and payment system. The next KRSC meeting will be focused on these priority camp agenda items.

Senior Tea: Members agreed to move forward with hosting a tea for the senior residents at the town hall. Sarah to check with Kathy on hosting this event on March 15th from 10am - 11:30am. Post Meeting Update: Kathy confirmed March 15th is available, and therefore we are moving forward with planning this first time event. KRSC will provide coffee/ tea and refreshments. Sarah has requested the use of the Town Hall coffee machine (post meeting update: the town hall coffee machine will be available for use). Sarah T to create a flier to post on Kensington Connects, and hang fliers at the town hall, library, handouts on voting day (if approved), and at Eastman's Corner. The intent of this senior tea, is to gather the mature residents in town to come together and share ideas for events this group would be interested in KRSC hosting.

Mother-Son Event: The first mother-son event will be planned as a bowling party. Donna to contact Exeter Bowling Lanes and Gametime Lanes & Entertainment in Amesbury, for pricing and availability. The plan is to host this event in March/ April; more details will be provided as soon as confirmation of date/ time and place is obtained.

Eggstravaganza: Members voted to host this annual event on April 1, 2023 at 9am. This event will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Old Home Day is typically hosted on the 2nd Saturday in August, however discussion was had surrounding the potential to boost attendance by pushing out a week to August 19, 2023. More residents are home from summer vacations, in preparation for school start. This potential date was provided to Meghan Gross, requesting her input on whether the necessary folks will be in town and available Aug 19th for the associated Yard Sale, etc. More discussions will occur surrounding the date selection at upcoming meeting.

The New Year's Day firework celebration was discussed, as it was brought to our attention that several attendees watching the display from Field C parking lot were hit by debris from fireworks. Moving forward, we will restrict people from the field C parking lot (when fireworks are ignited from field C), and request all to park in the main Sawyer Park lot and the overflow lot.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 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 March 08, 2023, 5pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Minghella