

Town of Kensington
Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC)
March 8, 2023
Public Meeting, Town Hall
5:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Donna Carter, KRSC Member
Sarah Turcott, KRSC Member
Courtney Brady, KRSC Member
Jessica Minghella, KRSC Member
Lili Spinosa, KRSC Member
Bob Solomon, Board of Selectman

Meeting opened at 5:02 pm.

Summer Camp 2023: Sarah Quimby notified the KRSC on 23-Feb-23 that she will not be able to return to the role of Camp Director for summer 2023. Another wonderful opportunity was presented to her and she was devastated to break the news to the committee members. The town website was immediately updated with the newly opened position of Director. As of 08-Mar-23, there have been no submitted applications for Coordinator or Director. KRSC members discussed different social media groups to share the camp positions to, and this was immediately done. Town residents that had expressed verbal interest were contacted to request they submit an application, and the committee members brainstormed good candidates for these lead roles that we could approach. The timelines are concerning as camp is slated to start the week of June 19th. The committee members reviewed the calendar and confirmed the themes for each week as follows:

1. June 19th- carnival
2. June 26th- sports

July 3rd week off

1. July 10th- nature
2. July 17th- bldg and engineering
3. July 24th- sports
4. July 31st- arts and craft
5. August 7th- science
6. August 14th- underwater

August 21 week off

Senior Tea: This event is scheduled to take place on March 15th, from 10am - 11:30am at the Town Hall. Members compiled a listing of all food/ drink items and other supplies needed for this event; Lili and Donna will both be in attendance to set up/ attend/ and clean up post party. The intent of this senior tea, is to provide an opportunity for the mature residents in town to gather and share some event ideas this group would be interested in KRSC hosting.

Post Meeting Update: Due to inclement weather, the senior tea was rescheduled for March 22nd, 10am - 11:30am at the Town Hall. The Facebook event flier has been updated and shared on the Kensington Connects space.

Mother-Son Event: The first mother-son bowling event is planned for March 26th at Exeter Bowling Lanes. Fliers were provided to KES to send home with all of the boys. The Facebook flier was also provided on the KRSC page and shared to the Kensington Connects space. Donna confirmed the \$15 per person cost, includes the bowling shoe rental, use of party room, Shooters Pub Pizzas, pitchers of drinks, and 12 lanes of unlimited bowling. Tickets can be purchased at KES and at the Town Hall.

Eggstravaganza: This annual event is scheduled for April 1st, 9:30am- 11am at KES. The library has agreed to participate and host a craft table, and KRSC will soon create a Facebook flier to post on Kensington Connects. The event details were discussed, and the members confirmed the event will be similar to last year, with pre-filled eggs and other eggs containing coins. Town resident, Mike Ponticello, was approached to request his interest in returning as the event's Easter Bunny; TBD. Finalization of this event will be discussed at the next KRSC meeting.

Old Home Day (OHD): The OHD event is scheduled to occur Aug 19th. Donna confirmed the date has been provided to the Sawyer Park Trust, and will complete the necessary application for park use. Jessica has alerted The Fire Association and The Historical Society representatives of this confirmed date. Specific OHD meetings will soon be scheduled to include all interested committees and organizations in town who would like to participate in the event.

Other Business:

Town resident Sawyer Rogers recently reached out to the KRSC members, as he is working on another Community Research Project. Mr. Rogers is basing this project on volunteerism, specifically focused on how volunteerism impacts the town of Kensington. He mentioned how unique Kensington is, in that the town relies on elected positions and nominated volunteers. KRSC is excited to speak further with Mr. Rogers, to explain how our volunteer members provide events and opportunities for the community.

The Community Newsletter write-up is due 10-Mar-23; Jessica to complete this and provide to Pam Schwotzer. Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 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 22, 2023, 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Minghella