

Kensington Recreation Committee

Minutes of Special Meeting, September 26, 2017

Call to order at 5:05 pm

Attending

Donna Carter, Member

Holly McCann, Member

Linda Blood, Member

Discussion

Holiday Stroll – in partnership with the Kensington Congregational Church

At prior meeting, members discussed potential of moving the Stroll to a date later than the Sunday after Thanksgiving due to people potentially away for the holiday and unable to participate. Church stated they would be able to participate on December 10. Committee settled on 12/10/17 as first choice option. We were to investigate whether horse drawn wagons would be available on 12/10/17. Donna suggested 3 carts this year (versus 2 last year) as people had to walk last year due to insufficient space in two wagons. The event will be scheduled to begin at 5 pm at Sawyer Park as in prior years. No substantial changes to the details of the event. New song programs will be required this year.

Wagon vendor has advised they are committed to another event the weekend of December 9-10, 2017. They were asked to check for Sunday, November 26, 2017. They verbally indicated they thought it was available, but will check for sure and let us know. We asked them to give us a price for 3 horse drawn wagons (if they have 3 horse teams), indicating horse drawn wagons as our first choice. Jean Waldron for Congregational Church has advised November 26th date to be their preference.

Committee renewed discussion on the relocation of the Park “Holiday Tree” which is lighted each year. Currently the tree is up near pavilion, is small, and cannot be easily be accessed for Holiday Stroll ceremony due to logistics. We will explore use of volunteer services to assist in lighting one of the larger trees at the entrance to the park. Donna Carter will contact a potential volunteer. We will also get an estimate for electrical work that would be required to have an electrical outlet installed near the flag pole and large evergreens at park entrance.

Motion by Holly McCann to hold the Holiday Stroll on November 26, 2017, beginning at 5:00 pm, in conjunction with the Kensington Congregational Church. Second by Linda Blood. All in favor.

Halloween Event

Information received from Pinnacle/Alnoba. They are planning a free Halloween Party event on Saturday, October 29, 2017 at Alnoba from 4 – 7 pm. The event will be one night only with many features of previous years, but plans are not yet finalized. Research of Exeter website reveals they are having a town costume parade and trick or treating at businesses on Friday, October 28, 2017. The trick or treat begins at 3:30 pm with costume judging and parade at 4:30 pm. Trick or treat will continue afterward until 7:00 pm. Committee members shared a concern that we were unable to partner with Pinnacle on this event as we have done in past years, as it appears the event is essentially the same the

format, time and place as held in the past. We have a strong desire to relook at this in 2018 to ensure there is partnership whenever possible.

Motion by Holly McCann for 2017 to abandon plans for a Town Halloween event on October 29th, thus avoiding a conflict with the Pinnacle/Alnoba event this year. Second by Linda Blood. All in favor.

Ski Bradford Program

Donna Carter was not able to be on BOS agenda for 9/25/17 to discuss new Ski Bradford Coordinator replacing Janet Bunnell. Committee discussed potential for Rec Committee to complete the required paperwork listing one of our members as the coordinator for purposes of sign up in 2018. Also discussed potential of appointing a volunteer to work with the Rec Committee to coordinate the program. There is a question of insurance liability coverage. Committee asking Kathleen Felch to contact Town insurance carrier to determine if Town volunteers, once appointed, are covered by liability insurance. If yes, BOS is not required to appoint a volunteer, Rec Committee has ability to appoint. All monies for program will be submitted directly to Town employee (Felch). Paperwork is due to Bradford by 10/11/17 and meetings are scheduled by Bradford for program coordinators. Bradford Ski is looking for evidence that (1) Kensington will participate, and (2) an estimate of the numbers that will participate.

Father Daughter Dance 2018

Committee briefly discussed potential dates and location for this event. All felt Alnoba had been a good location last year and we will explore potential use again in 2018. Potential dates 2/9/19 and 2/16/19, with 2/9 being the first choice. Holly will reach out to Alnoba to determine availability for our use.

Administrative

Donna expressed a concern that Rec Committee needs to meet with BOS to work out some of the questions/concerns about expectations, operations, and finance type matters soon. Linda indicated the BOS had discussed this need at the last BOS meeting and a date will be proposed soon.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is the regularly scheduled October 11, 2017 meeting at Town Hall, 7 pm.