

# **Kensington Recreation Committee**

## **Minutes of Meeting, November 8, 2017**

### **Draft**

**Call to order at 7:05 pm**

#### **Attending**

Donna Carter, Member

Holly McCann, Member

Linda Blood, Member

Jeanne Waldron

#### **Holiday Stroll November 26, 2017 5:00 pm – in partnership with the Kensington Congregational Church**

BOS has approved payment for three horse drawn wagons. Vendor has requested police coverage during the wagon rides. Discussed prior years in which police were present at beginning but called away before event was over. Recommend that we pay for a two hour police detail. Linda agreed to take this back to BOS and seek approval.

Holly did not get a response from Bruce Cilley regarding the potential (for electricity) to light the evergreen trees down near the flagpole. Holly suggested not doing this year for lack of time. Donna said she would look into strobe light/flowing lights to have something. Donna is still working on the new song book and bringing it to Mr. Copy for 100 copies to be bound. Jeanne asked about Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Donna said she was handling that. Jeanne is handling the refreshments to be served at the church. Holly indicated she will be out of town on event date.

#### **Ski Bradford Program – no update**

#### **Father Daughter Dance - February 9, 2018**

Holly proposed that we serve some drink in addition to water with the pizza. Through discussion we settled on strawberry lemonade (pink). We will discuss more in January before the event.

#### **Calendar of Events 2018**

Holly had researched 2017 calendars of nearby towns to see when they held their town festivals with the idea that Kensington might propose moving the date of our festival to (1) avoid having it right after July 4<sup>th</sup> when residents might be away, the usual date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July this year would be July 14<sup>th</sup>. (2) avoid having fireworks displays so close together, (3) try for a better weather time which impacted attendance the past two years, (4) refresh the event to more of a theme of "Old Home Days" or the coming back together after summer and before school. Committee discussed the findings and looked at the calendar. There was some agreement on the weekends of either 8/18/18 or 8/25/18. The 8/18/18 weekend was further away from Labor Day 2018 which is Monday, 9/3. Appears 8/18/18 might be the best choice. We will approach the BOS to see if they are supportive of moving the event. Committee discussed various options of adding more to the festivities to attract all age groups. Discussion will be ongoing.

Holiday Stroll 2018 – Thanksgiving in 2018 is 11/22. It was suggested that we avoid 11/25/18 and look at either Sunday 12/2 or Sunday 12/9/18. Jeanne agreed to check with her chorale program liaison and also with the Church and let us know if either works.

Halloween is Wednesday 10/31/18. Holly suggested we put a place marker on Saturday 10/27/18 as our Halloween event date. Discussion centered around how this year's issues arose and what should be done for Kensington kids. Pinnacle/Alnoba informed the Recreation Committee in February that they didn't plan to partner with the Kensington Recreation Committee for this year's Haunted Halloween Party. Holly shared that she believed we could partner with Pinnacle/Alnoba if we were willing to make it a multi-town event, support Alnoba's desire to sell food/beverages out of the Farm truck, and put a plan together earlier than this past year. There is disagreement about how we should proceed, so the discussion was tabled. No date was agreed upon.

Easter "Eggstravaganza" - Easter is April 1, 2018. We could have the event on either 3/24 (full week before) or 3/31 (day before Easter). It was agreed we will ask the school which date might be available to use the gym since we have unreliable weather in March.

#### **Administrative**

Committee discussed the approval of the new by-laws for this Committee, Kensington Park and Social Committee, and how we begin to implement. Discussion centered around how to communicate the change and how to encourage new members for our Committee. We also discussed potential for a survey of the community as a follow-up to the Plan NH Charrette feedback that we needed more coordination & offering of social events for all ages. TO communicate with the Town, we can use the Town web site, We could consider Kensington Connects, and the Church Community News January 12 deadline edition. We could place printed copies in the Library and perhaps Country Brook bulletin board. Donna suggested an option of handing them out at deliberative session or voting day.

#### **Budget**

Donna shared her research into the Rec Revolver with a cite of 35b, Section 35.B:2. Others will take a look at it. As the 2010 vote the BOS controls the expenditures from the Recreation Revolver.

Committee did not see a need at this time to hold a meeting in December, so next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm