

## **KENSINGTON PARKS and SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of Meeting November 14, 2018**

Call to order 7:02 pm

#### **Attending**

Elaine Bodwell, Member

Donna Carter, Member

Robert Long, Selectman Liaison, Member

Public Attendees: Lili Spinosa

Jessica Filippone Minghdla

Sarah Hoffmaster

#### **Recognition of public in attendance – opportunity to speak**

Lili expressed she wanted to become more involved in community events with the Recreation Committee. She stated she would like to be considered for appointment as a member of the Committee. Jessica wants to start helping out more in the community on a volunteer basis. Sarah expressed that she has served on several committees, understanding and appreciating the importance of involvement in planning Community events.

#### **Discussion**

Bob Long expressed a “Thank You” to all attending the meeting. He then wanted to convey his thoughts in regards to the role of Members and Volunteers for the Recreation Committee. The

#### **Mission Statement in the current By-Laws for the Kensington Park and Social Committee**

***reads: To identify/oversee quality facilities and provide recreational and social programs to meet the total needs and demands of the residents of the community and enhance the quality of life.*** Bob stated from his perspective that for the committee to function most efficiently and have fun (enjoy) in the process, the involvement of many volunteers is important to organize individual and/or events of interest. Others concurred with Bob.

#### **Ski Bradford Program**

Courtney Prenata and Jess Costa have the Ski Bradford Program organized. November 19, 2018 was the deadline to submit completed enrollment forms. The group check to Bradford is due November 30, 2018. The program will begin January 5, 2019.

#### **Adult Basketball Program**

The program for the Adult Basketball, beginning Thursday December 6, 2018; continuing 15 consecutive Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:00 pm is organized. Stephen McDonough has only the *Use of Building* form to sign. The SAU 16 is in the process of discussing this issue to make it uniform for all the schools in the district. When Michelle Aiken, KES receives the information, she will inform Mr. McDonough.

### **Holiday Stroll**

The Holiday Stroll co-sponsored by the Recreation Committee and Church. It will be on November 25, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Holly and Chris Batchelder will supply three horse-drawn wagons, beginning at the Sawyer Town Park and ending at the Kensington Congregational Church. Families can view a live Nativity scene and go inside for refreshments and fellowship. Kathy Felch has received the signed documents needed for the Town. Chief Sanders expressed he will have two of his Cruisers at the park and escorting the wagons. Chief True will also have the Fire Truck at the park; then at the end of Trundlebed Lane for traffic control.

Discussion in regards to lighting a tree(s) at the park took place. Chief True will be contacted for the use of outlets and safety; Bruce Cilley will be contacted in regards to the ability to have the lights in the parking lot turned on. Following this discussion, Donna Carter suggested an idea that would involve participation by school children at KES. The idea was to have the children make pinecone ornaments to decorate the lit tree at Sawyer Park. All liked Donna's idea; Lili Spinosa offered to ask the Student Council if they would be interested. On Friday, November 16, 2018, Lili expressed that 50 ornaments were made and ready to hang on the tree. Lili received expired Sun Butter (avoiding peanut butter due to allergic reactions) from the kitchen, purchased bird seed and the students gathered the pine cones. It was decided to meet at 4:30 at the park to decorate the tree.

Jessica Filippone volunteered to ask Vanessa Rozier, Josh Prenata and Jenny Leonard if they would lead the singing of the Christmas Carols; each person was on a different wagon to lead. We look forward to this event.

### **Father/Daughter Dance**

The date for this event has been scheduled for February 8, 2019 at Alnoba, Kensington, NH.; 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Details will be discussed at the December and January meetings.

A general review and discussion regarding all the Recreation Committee activities/events took place. Several new ideas were presented.

The Kensington Park and Social Committee (Recreation Committee) meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. in the Town Hall. The public is welcomed to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be December 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Bodwell