

Kensington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017

Attending:

Donna Carter, Member
Linda Blood, Member
Holly McCann, Member
Jean Waldron, Liaison to Kensington Congregational Church

Randy Bandoian, Guest
Monique Martell, Guest

Call to Order 7:05 p.m.

Lynne Monroe and Frank Whittemore of Kensington were present and asked to address the Recreation Committee regarding a project they are working on called Plan NH Community Design Charrette Program. They provided a three page handout to all regarding the project which is associated with these Minutes Ms. Monroe is asking the Recreation Committee to provide a Letter of Support for their project, which is required for the Town of Kensington to make application to Plan NH. The Committee asked questions and agreed to review the literature provided. It was conveyed that we may seek additional information or have further questions. Lynne indicated this could be directed to her via email. She will also provide more information via email to Holly to distribute to other Committee members. Lynne and Frank thanked the Committee for their time.

Jean Waldron briefed the Committee on the upcoming rummage sale at the church on 5/12 and 5/13/17. For the benefit of our guests she also referenced the monthly Ham & Bean Suppers (3rd Saturday) and the Soup Luncheons (1st Thursday). For the upcoming Kensington Town Festival on 7/8/17, Jean stated the church will participate again this year with a Bake Off Contest. Pauline Fabiano will coordinate it. There will be TWO tables this year and two separate contest categories: adults and children. The two tables will also allow more space for entries. Last year there were quite a few and it was crowded. The Church may need an additional volunteer to work this. Jean or Pauline will let the Committee know if they need assistance in finding a volunteer.

Town Festival Planning: Confirmed date will be July 8, 2017. Location will be Sawyer Park. As of today, there will be no Friday night activities (past car show will not be held). There is also a conflict for Sunday. In past there was a pancake breakfast and a scavenger hunt. This year the family who coordinated these is not available that weekend. Donna suggested that we might find someone else to deliver it either on Saturday morning or we may have to cancel it. As of today, there will be no Sunday activities.

Fireworks: Donna received a proposed contract from Atlas PyroVision Entertainment Group, the firm who delivered the fireworks display in 2016. She has not reviewed the details of the contract, but forwarded it to Kathy Felch for the BOS to sign at their May 8, 2017 meeting. They did not sign it that night because the Rec Committee had not yet reviewed it and also did not have the required associated paperwork with it. Donna indicated that the Lewis Family would again provide funding of \$2500 towards the \$4000 total cost. The Town would cover the balance. Holly offered to obtain the additional required paperwork and get it to Kathy Felch for BOS. Lewis' Family is asking for Town to provide them a letter (as in past) regarding the donation for the fireworks. Holly will speak to Kathy on this.

Food & Drinks: Committee discussed which direction to go this year; whether to seek Sawyer Trust donation/catering, or whether to return to having Fire Department volunteers cook. Committee determined to ask whether Fire Department desires to grill the hamburgers and hot dogs, and to approach the Trust to provide the BBQ ribs and a green salad. In past, the Country Brook café donated two salads for the event. Donna will contact owners and ask if they want to do so again this year. If this is not possible, we will ask the Trust to add in two salads (example: macaroni and potato salad). Cooking will commence at 4:00 pm, and serving will be 5:00 – 6:30 pm. We will utilize the concession stand facilities to aid in cooking and refreshment delivery. Drinks will include ice water and lemonade. We will need to acquire or rent two grills for cooking.

Entertainment: Committee discussed the insurance related issue last year with providing “inflatables”. Holly has been working with Town insurance carrier and the Party Vision vendor for rental of the bungee trampoline offered two years ago. We have a quote of \$2200 for a four hour rental if we can work out the insurance questions. Holly will provide Kathy with proposed contract, answers to insurance risk questions, and other associated paperwork for her to provide to insurance carrier to review. It was decided not to seek additional inflatables for smaller children due to risk. Linda, Randy, Monique and Donna spoke of alternatives such as Home Run Derby, Three Legged Race, inflatable soccer tournament, and a decorated bicycle parade and contest. Kensington Library will host two tables – one button making and the other crafts (?). Donna also agreed to contact the Photo Booth vendor we previously offered at the Father/Daughter Dance and see if available for few hours on Saturday afternoon (\$325 for 2 hours). Randy has a bubble machine which he will provide for the event. We can also check around for corn hole game set ups and have them. YMCA has provided a portable rock climbing wall in the past per Donna.

Holly had checked into a few live music entertainers for Friday evening or Saturday midafternoon but firmed up nothing. Other committee members felt this needed more consideration for proper time slot in relation to DJ Entertainment, food serving, and fireworks. This will not be pursued further for 2017. Committee discussed hiring of DJ for \$400. All members approved. Donna to handle arrangements.

Marketing/Advertising: Holly will work with Jodi Lefebvre to get the signage frame set up on corner of Trundlebed and Route 150, and to get a banner ordered. It was suggested that we might also pursue Kensington AutoWorks (Donna?) and/or the Farm (South Road & Route 150). Once template for a flyer is created, we can distribute it more widely. Jean Waldron will take the article for Congregational Church newsletter and finalize it for deadline of May 12.

Guests/Potential New Members: Randy Bandoian indicated interest in becoming a member of the Rec Committee. We will forward his name to Kathy Felch for nomination by BOS at the May 22nd BOS meeting. Monique has an important commitment in the next couple months, but she indicated a desire to volunteer at events and to remain involved for the near future in helping. She will consider longer term commitment after July.

Next meeting will be June 7, 2017, 7 p.m. in Town Hall Auditorium.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

