

# **Kensington Recreation Committee**

## **Minutes of Meeting, January 10, 2017**

### **Draft**

**Call to order at 7:03 pm**

#### **Attending**

Donna Carter, Member  
Holly McCann, Member  
Linda Blood, Member  
Jean Waldron, Congregational Church Liaison  
Elaine Bodwell, Guest

#### **Holiday Stroll 2018 – in partnership with the Kensington Congregational Church**

Three horse drawn wagons this year were well received by event attendees. Wagons were full. Exploration into December dates for 2018 did not work for the vendor. Committee voted to stay with the Sunday after Thanksgiving date used in prior years.

**Ski Bradford Program** – Donna reported that this event had a total of 19 skier sign ups this year, but 3 skiers requested to cancel out and receive refund before opening date. (Net of 16 skiers). Donna worked with Town Office to get required paperwork completed and submitted to Bradford by required date. Bradford will make refund after the end of the ski program.

**Father Daughter Dance** - Date is currently set for 2.9.18. Contract with Alnoba signed. Committee discussed food, drink, DJ contract, photo booth contract, and other details. Donna will contact DJ and photo booth vendors and will gain the necessary certificates of liability to provide to Alnoba. Holly will visit bunker and get the Dance supply bins out. KES has been notified and they are willing to sell the tickets for us. Holly will get decorations and snack food items to prepare for event. Committee voted to obtain a second drink dispenser and offer water and one alternative drink such as lemonade. The article for submission to Community News was reviewed and approved. Holly will get it to Church, with a copy for KES Principal Office.

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

On 1/8/18 BOS expressed support to moving the Town Festival to a date later than July 4<sup>th</sup> period. Committee (at 11/18 meeting) had discussed potential dates of 8/18 or 8/25. There remained a desire among members to keep meeting around the traditional July date or, in the alternative, change to a September date such as 9/15/18 weekend. Holly will do updated research on surrounding town activities dates during these periods and if no conflicts, present the dates to BOS at their next meeting so we can lock in the date and begin detailed event planning. Our goal is in moving the date is to (1) avoid having it right after July 4<sup>th</sup> when residents might be away, (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. 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.

Halloween is Wednesday 10/31/18. At our November meeting discussion on this event, members were not in agreement on dates or approach. Alnoba had already confirmed they will deliver a Halloween event again in 2018 (dates not yet confirmed). Committee discussed options again but tabled discussion until more information is known.

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 and the library which date might be available to use the gym since we have unreliable weather in March.

### **Kensington Summer Camp 2018**

On January 8, 2018, the Committee received formal notification from Emily Greenwood that she is resigning her position as Summer Camp Coordinator and Director effective January 10, 2018. Committee discussed options for moving forward with the planning and delivery of 2018 Summer Camp and will try to move quickly to address the matter, as this is the critical time to put procedures and informational materials in place for Kensington families. Options and recommendations will be presented to BOS at their next meeting.

### **Administrative**

Communication to town residents of the new Committee By Laws and need for additional members. Holly circulated a draft article for the Community News. All approved. Donna wanted to discuss why the BOS had changed name of this Committee when they adopted new bylaws. Holly conveyed explanation given to her and voiced support for current name. Jean suggested we could change to Kensington Park and Recreation Committee. It was decided to approach BOS at next meeting and ask their thoughts.

### **Budget**

Holly distributed copies of the 2017 Rec Revolver information for 2017 to Committee members. All will review. No further discussion.

Next regularly scheduled meeting of Committee will be February 14, 2018 at 7 pm. Location is Town Hall Auditorium. Public is encouraged to attend.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm