

Kensington Recreation and Social Committee Minutes Virtual Meetings

April 15, 2020; 4:00 PM

April 22, 2020; 7:00 PM

May 13, 2020; 7:00 PM

May 27, 2020; 5:00 PM

Attending:

Elaine Bodwell, Member
Donna Carter, Member
Lili Spinosa, Member
Jessica Minghella, Member
Bob Solomon, Selectman Liason

Public Attending:

Jen Macek, Summer Camp 2020 Coordinator
Catherine Bannister, Summer Camp 2020 Director

The two topics on the agenda at all of the meetings has primarily been Summer Camp 2020 and the Kensington Old Home Days Festival, 2020. A great deal of research into state mandates, etc. and planning has been researched by the Recreation and Social Committee, Jen Macek, Catherine Bannister, the Selectmen, and all the other committees. Many alternatives, accommodations etc. have been suggested and reviewed. Over much deliberation, the committee felt that we needed to make a recommendation in regards to if the event(s) could safely be held. Our recommendation will be presented to the Board of Selectman to be discussed and to declare the final decision. The Board of Selectmen's will have a Virtual meeting on Monday, June1, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Due to our challenging times and many unknown factors, the Recreation and Social Committee is recommending that Summer Camp 2020 and the Kensington Old Home Days Festival and activities held at Sawyer Park should not take place this year.

We want to extend a special "Thank you" to Jen Macek and Catherine Bannister for the many hours of planning, organizing and for creating and distributing brochures for Summer Camp 2020! A wonderful program was planned for ages K-5 and a program for middle school students this year!

We thank everyone very much for your enthusiasm, participation, attending meetings and planning for our town, Kensington. We have a wonderful community and all working together!

Please contact the Recreation and Social Committee Member(s) if you have any suggestions or questions.

Respectfully,

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee:

Elaine Bodwell
Lili Spinosa

Donna Carter
Jessica Minghella

May28, 2020

The following letter was sent to the Fire Association, Police Association and all the Committees in Kensington who expressed interest in participating in 'Kensington Old Home Days':

Topic: Kensington Old Home Days scheduled for the weekend of July 10 – 12, 2020. The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee held our fourth public Zoom meeting Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The two topics on the agenda at this meeting and prior meetings has primarily been Summer Camp 2020 and the Kensington Old Home Days Festival. Over much deliberation, the committee felt that we needed to make a recommendation in regards to if the event(s) could safely be held. Our recommendation will be presented to the Board of Selectman to be discussed and to declare the final decision. The Board of Selectmen's will have a Virtual meeting on Monday, June1, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Due to our challenging times and many unknown factors, the Recreation and Social Committee is recommending that the Old Home Days events and activities held at Sawyer Park should not take place this year. In regards to the individual committees, it will be your decision if you would like to host a smaller event/program to celebrate.

We thank everyone very much for your enthusiasm, participation, attending meetings and planning to celebrate Kensington Old Home Days!

Please contact the Recreation and Social Committee Member(s) if you have any suggestions or questions.

Sincerely,

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee:

Elaine Bodwell
Lili Spinosa

Donna Carter
Jessica Minghella