

Woodstock Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Present: Anthony Pezzetti (Director), Otto Anderson, Sarah Bentley, Marie Chamberlin, Amy Monahan, Erika Cornelius Smith

Guests: Crystal Adams, Fraser Davis, Rick Harless, Tom (member of the American Legion)

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00P (Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room C) to accommodate Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11th.

Meeting called to order by Director Pezzetti at 7:05PM.

The Committee tabled the review of the September meeting minutes in order to first discuss the Winter Festival, in the interest of guests present.

1. Winter Festival Discussion

The Director provided a list of organizations and businesses that have expressed interest in participating in the Winter Festival event, including those that request space in the barn at Roseland Park. Businesses and organizations are facilitating activities, providing refreshments, or setting up donation/service opportunities. The committee discussed offering a raffle or incentives for community members who visit multiple sites across town during the day, possibly requesting donations or in-kind contributions as raffle prizes.

The committee discussion emphasized the importance of this event as a single-day activity for the first year to maximize impact. The Director will send a follow-up message to potential local business and organizations requesting a commitment by October 24th. This will allow committee members to begin preparing marketing and promotional materials by November 1st.

2. Recreation Director Report

Director Pezzetti provided an update on the status of current programs, upcoming programs, past events, and possible future programs to members of the Woodstock Recreation Commission (WRC).

Current Programs:

Fall Yoga – 7 signed up, started 10/7 and ends 12/9

WMS Kids Yoga – first session had 4 kids

Adult Volleyball – started September 17th run through school year

Adult Basketball – started September 16th runs through school year

Quilting – started September 19th and ends on December 5th

Upcoming Programs:

WES Kids Yoga- first session canceled due to low numbers, 2 remaining.

W.R.E.C.K After School Program – Starts Thursday, 6 signed up, 4 classes

Trick or Treat @ Roseland Cottage – Friday 10/25 from 5:30-7pm, received sponsorship check from Business Association.

HIIT – Starts 11:30-12:15 on 11/18 @Town Hall

Dog Obedience Training – Starts 11/2, Saturday mornings from 10-11

After School Girls Volleyball – November 6/12/13/18/19, UCONN on 11/16

Babysitter Training Course – space available for class on November 13th and 14th

NYC Bus Trip – Limited space available for Trip still available

Ski Club – Registration opened 10/1, packets to schools, info meeting 12/3, dates are 1/7,1/14,1/21,1/28.2/4,2/11 (make up 2/25 and 3/3)

Past Events:

Summer Yoga 2 – 14 registered, ended September 30th

Squirt Soccer - 30 kids, both WA girls and boys assisted with practices

Possible Programs:

Ice Skating (Open Skate at Pomfret School Rink) – cost is \$220 an hour, would require constable or person to manage ice time. The committee discussed the feasibility of covering the costs and potential community interest.

Crystal Pond Park Programming – Crystal Pond will no longer offer a summer camp, and they have approached Woodstock and Eastford Recreation departments for assistance on running summer programming. The committee recommended inviting a representative from Crystal Pond Park to the next WRC meeting to discuss possible programming ideas.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Members approved the September 9, 2019 minutes with minor revisions.

4. Discussion and Citizen Comments

Commissioner Anderson provided information on upcoming basketball programming, including evaluations scheduled for November and new leadership coordinating the upcoming season. The committee expressed their gratitude for the work and effort that Anderson has given to making the basketball program a success. Anderson noted that he will be available to help facilitate the transition to new leadership in the coming months.

Secretary Smith mentioned receiving a request from the town of Woodstock to provide the 2020-2021 schedule of meetings for the WRC. The committee will discuss and finalize at the November meeting.

Chair Bentley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Amy Monahan seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04P.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Cornelius Smith, October 21, 2019.