

Thompson Recreation Commission
Minutes --Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2008
Merrill Seney Room Town Hall

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"Our mission is to enhance, promote, and support quality recreational facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community."

Robert Pederson called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:20 p.m. in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Members present: Cynthia Antos, Stephen Bordua, Jeanne Dery, Sandra Lanasa, Robert Monahan, Robert Pederson, Michael Santerre and Cathy Thomas.

Members absent: Marie DeJesus.

Staff present: Ida Ransom and Renee Waldron.

Secretary's Report

On page 2, under School Representative, second bullet amend "out" to read "our". Robert Monahan moved and Cynthia Antos seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting as presented; Cynthia Antos – Yes; Stephen Bordua – Abstain; Jeanne Dery – Yes; Sandra Lanasa – Yes; Robert Monahan – Yes; Robert Pederson – Yes; Michael Santerre –Yes; Cathy Thomas – Yes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- General Fund Budget Report
 - The report was reviewed; there were no questions.
- Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report
 - The report was reviewed; there were no questions.
 - Proposed guidelines for the Revolving Account will be discussed at the December meeting.
- Fund Balance Recreation Report
 - The donations in this account are "restricted".

Correspondence:

- Jeffrey Barske, Town Clerk, distributed a memorandum reminding Town Commissions and Boards that their meeting dates for 2009 must be filed with the Town Clerk's Office at least thirty (30) days prior to their first regular meeting in the new year.
- Kevin Kennedy, Town Planner, is collecting material to update the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Comments are due to him by February 27th, 2009. By State Statute, this must be updated every ten years or the Town can be fined.

Director's Report

- Renee Waldron entertained questions on her report.
- The NECASA grant application is due November 7th.
- A few fall programs are yet to start; most are underway.
- Purely Rec has 51 students registered.
- The October bus trip to Salem and the November trip to New York City are sold out.

Old Business

- Recreation Logo
 - A draft of the proposed logo was reviewed. More work is needed.

- **Town Ordinance**
 - Renee Waldron turned in the Commission's comments to the Ordinance Committee.
 - The information cited for the CT General Statutes in regards to minority representation was verified to have come from the General Statutes, Revision of 1958, Revised to 2007.
- **Sub-Committee for grants and scholarship program**
 - Renee Waldron completed an analysis of the cost to run the proposed grants and scholarship for the youth. Using last year's information, if the Commission had awarded every possible award according to the proposed rules, the cost would have been \$2,711.00.
 - Stephen Bordua moved and Cynthia Antos seconded the motion to accept with corrections the "Financial Assistance for Youth Programs Application and Guidelines". Cynthia Antos – No; Stephen Bordua – Yes; Jeanne Dery – Yes; Sandra Lanasa – Yes; Robert Monahan – Yes; Robert Pederson – Yes; Michael Santerre – Yes; Cathy Thomas – Yes. The motion carried. Notice of the availability of financial assistance will be on the winter flyers.
 - The sub-Committee was expanded to include Jeanne Dery.
 - The Committee will begin meeting to discuss how financial aid might be made available to adults.
 - Renee Waldron will do the same type of analysis on the adult programs as she did for the youth programs to determine how much a proposed adult financial assistance program would cost.
- **School Representative**
 - There has been progress on a potential representative.
 - Renee Waldron has shared the meeting schedule with the student.
- **Halloween Party**
 - The date was changed to Thursday, October 30, because of scheduling conflicts and is ready to go.
- **Freedom of Information**
 - In keeping with the new regulations, the October agenda for the Recreation Commission was posted on the recreation website.
 - Future agendas and minutes will also be posted on the recreation site.
 - The Town is reviewing how best to address these rules for the other Boards and Commissions.

New Business

- Renee Waldron will review the information received from Kevin Kennedy, Town Planner, on the existing Recreation portion of the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development and report back to the Commission for the December meeting.
- Ida Ransom will provide a list of proposed dates for 2009 for the December meeting.
- It was the consensus of the members that Renee Waldron send a letter to the School requesting a re-evaluation of the current bus charges since fuel costs have decreased significantly.

Citizens' Comments: None.

Announcements

- The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7:15 in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

- Stephen Bordua moved and Robert Monahan seconded the motion to adjourn; the motion carried unanimously. Robert Pederson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Ida Ransom
Recording Secretary