

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
5/3/16
Wilmington Town Hall

Present: Cindy Hayford, Karen Molina, Leitha Cipriano, Randy Knaggs

I. Re-organization of Officers: Karen Molina- Chair, Cindy Hayford-Secretary

We discussed recruiting some new members. Karen will check if 6 members are allowed.

II. New Selectboard Liaison: Susie Haughwout. The role of the liaison is to keep the board updated on the recreation commission and to bring any questions from the board to the recreation commission meetings (this came from Scott Murphy as asked by Karen Molina)

III. Budget:

- The current budget was reviewed. The amount for the Elementary Program Director needs to be increased to match last year's amount. (Less was spent last year due to a first year director being hired). This year Patsy Mehlhop will be the full-time director instead of just the am.
- We would like to be involved in the budget process next year. We should meet in September to discuss this.
- Other program ideas to consider in the next budget: Recreation in a broader sense considered rather than just the youth summer programming. Ideas included adults sharing of skills, hosting days or workshops- climbing, hiking, biking, paddling, etc. Sponsor outings or gatherings.

IV. Middle School Summer Programming 2015 Debrief:

- Middle School Program ran - July 6-August 7 from 9:00-12:00 at the old school under the leadership of Jamie Brown. Counselor were Jacob Hick, Kirra Courschense and part-timer/sub Gracie Russell.
- 42 different students attended the program (28 from Wilmington, 4 from Whititngham, 2 from Dover and 8 misc.).
- Extended Days included paddling (23 students); Rock Climbing (15 students); Bowling (12 students); and a Molly Stark Hike.

III. Middle School Summer Programming 2016 Discussion:

- Jamie will be returning as Director.
- Jamie requested an Art Teacher-Karen will clarify how often. Possibly we could get some community volunteers for art projects. Cindy will check with Helena Queenie about what she did in the past.
- Two counselors from last year are interested in returning and will be re-interviewed. We will have to hire a part-time sub. Karen will check with Scott to see if we can advertise at the schools and on the town website.
- Randy will continue after camp programming similar to last year (rock climbing, paddling).

I. Celebrate Summer Elementary School Summer Programming Discussion:

- We will continue our collaboration with the Wings afterschool Program this year.
- Patsy Mehlhop will be the full-time Director. Katie Boyd will assist and run art activities.
- Celebrate Summer Program will run for 4 weeks-July 5-29 @ TVES.
- Counselor interviews will be on May 11. Karen will attend. Randy will check his schedule.
- The Town check to Wings will include salary for ½ day for Director (\$2,500). The budget for counselors is currently \$2,550. Karen will find out how many counselors will be hired. If it is less than last year, some funds could cover an Art person.

Submitted by Cindy Hayford
5/4/16