

August 5, 2021, 9:00am
Wilmington Recreation Commission Minutes

Attendees: Emily Beeman, Sara Molina, Karen Molina, Jen Nilsen, Jessica DeFrancesco

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Karen welcomed new members Sara Molina and Emily Beeman

Reorganization of Commission members:

Chair – Karen Molina

Secretary – Sara Molina

Review with Jen Nilsen (Director) of Wilmington Middle School Summer Recreation Program

- Camp ran from July 6 -30 and was considered a successful program by all
- 29 total campers, 21 Wilmington residents, 5 Whitingham residents, 1 Readsboro, 2 from out-of-state

- Attendance began with 3 campers the first day and reached a high of 22 campers. There was an average of 17 campers per day.

- Counselors were Aspen Willard and Alyssa Bird
- The 3 extended day programs were an a hike to Wilmington Town Hill then on to White's Road and ending at the Creemee, an afternoon at North Star Bowl and mini-golf, and an afternoon visiting spots around Wilmington Center

- It was noted that the most difficult aspect of the day was the lunch transition time with the afternoon Wings program.

- It was noted that another adult would be appreciated on the afternoon excursions

Discussion of proposal of volleyball net being installed at Buzzy Towne Park - A lack of available activities for young people was noted as a concern by new community members. It was suggested to put up a volleyball net on ground behind the basketball court. Jessica looked into the town land and noted that OSEC owns land adjacent to the town land along the river.

Emily shared the idea of doing a recreation survey to better know the needs of Wilmington residents in regards to recreational needs in our community. She will investigate an online survey that is presently being conducted in Rutland.

Emily also shared the idea of electric bike lending stations being installed in town through a state program. She will investigate further to enable us to discuss probabilities of the success of the program in Wilmington.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Molina