



Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2018

The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 by Justin Waz. Members present were: Justin Waz, Dave Berardis, Karen Dexter, Betsy Scholfield, Miriam Morrissey, Chris Marra and Stephani Award. Members absent were: James Beardsley, Missy Massey, Don Sampson, Tracy Woodcock, Brandon Woodcock, Tania Crosby, Kevin Crosby, Grace Petroka, Jim Cunningham, Sarah Kateley and Elizabeth Taran. Director Carol Jones was also present.

Audience of Citizens: Michael Berardis. Berardis gave the Commission an update on his Eagle Scout Project. The design of the benches is complete and are ADA compliant. Berardis hopes to have the benches ready for installation before July 2018.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the report was made by Scholfield and seconded by Dexter. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Scholfield and seconded by Marra. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- New Programs: Volleyball Clinic for Girls 7-11 grade will run through March 24. Practice is held at John Winthrop Junior High and runs from 7-8:30 am on Saturdays. Youth Yoga will be a new program sponsored by Parks and Recreation but will be run by a local Deep River Yoga Instructor. Information about the ages of the participants and the location of the classes to be determined. A motion was made by Scholfield to accept this program and seconded by Berardis. The motion passed unanimously. A Dance Program will also be sponsored by Parks and Recreation with information to follow. A motion was made by Scholfield to accept this program and seconded by Dexter. The motion passed unanimously. Marra made a motion to have all future coaches, volunteers and instructors involved in any youth Parks and Recreation activities submit to background checks before commencement of activity. A second was made by Dexter. The motion passed unanimously.
- Bus Trips: Jones has been in contact with an organization called "Tours of Distinction", a bus company that offers "escorted group travel through New England and Beyond". Jones needs a committee to help determine trips.

- Theatre: "Ever After, the Musical" performance dates: February 3 at 7:00 pm and February 4 at 11:30 am, location: Town Hall auditorium. Member volunteers are to be present 15 min early.
- Basketball: There are 2 teams of 7th and 8th grade. There are 8 teams of 9th -12th grade. Games have grown to include teams from Portland, CT. Berardis would like additional games between 9-12th grade teams to begin at 10:45 if possible so that the professional referees who ref the afternoon games can just arrive early to do all of the games without a time gap.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Scheduled for March 24, 2018, rain date March 25, 2018.
- Fishing Derby: Scheduled for May 12, 2018. Open to area towns
- Carnival/Food Truck Festival: Chris Marra, Chair. Scheduled for June 14,15, 16, 2018. Committee members need to meet.
- Summer Camp: Applications for summer employment available online. Jones scheduled field trips.
- Movies: Dexter to choose from catalogue.
- Summer Concert Series: Bands and Catering should be confirmed in time for information to get into Spring newsletter.
- Family Day: September 15, 2018.
- Holiday Stroll: The scavenger hunt was successful. The Committee needs to invest in a proper Santa suit and beard. Changes planned for 2018 stroll.

#### Parks:

- Devitt Field: No report.
- Town Landing: No report.
- Plattwood Park: Cameras installed and functioning. Olsen delivered the Free Library structure to the Town Hall for the town crew to install. The dedication is to be determined. The scoreboard dedication will be in the Spring, once the current footings are addressed and install is completed.
- Brockway Ferry: No report.

Old Business: Ryan Douglas will have his Eagle Scout project (Gatehouse at Town Landing) completed by Memorial Day.

New Business: Vote for slate of officers. Dexter made a motion to keep the current slate of Officers Marra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Officers are as follows: Justin Waz-Chair, Betsy Scholfield-Vice-Chair, Stephani Award- Secretary and Miriam Morrissey-Treasurer. Jones has received a Park use application from the Dry Pants Sailing Yacht Club for 2018. The Club has requested permission to use Plattwood Park from January - December Sundays 10:30 -3:00 and Wednesdays 1-3:30. The Commission approved the park use application with the stipulation that Sunday's use is from 10:30-12:00 like in other years.

Scholfield made a motion to adjourn at 9:02pm and was seconded by Marra. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephani Award, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission

