

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
July 15, 2014
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Elizabeth Shelton, Kristin Thomas and Jonathan Downing.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Chairman, W. Lionetta.

Approval of Agenda

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by E. Shelton, J. Downing abstained. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

E. Shelton made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 10, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas, J. Downing abstained. The motion passed.

Old Business

Commission Membership- The Commission welcomed Jonathan Downing as a new member and noted that Jay Dalrymple would be an alternate member because the Commission membership is at five residents. The Commission noted that if C. Johnson is not able to remain on the Commission due to her schedule, that J. Dalrymple could be appointed as a member and not an alternate member.

New Business

Swim Area Group Policy- K. Troendle asked the Commission to consider recommending a Group Use Policy for organized groups that are using the swim areas. The Lifeguards have noted that organized groups on buses have been stopping by the Alton Swim Areas and the groups are causing concern due to their inappropriate behavior and lack of supervision by adults from the group. The Commission discussed making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. The Commission recommended the following, "Organized groups of children (6 or more, 6-17 years of age) must follow our group use policies, and must be directly supervised at lakeside by an adult in swim attire. There must be one adult for every five children. Groups with children under 6 years of age must provide one adult per child in the water, due to the high risk nature of the activity. All groups must schedule their visit at least 48 hours in advance." The Commission also discussed other Swim Area Rules and Regulations that would be beneficial to adopt for increase safety and for a positive experience to the facility users. K. Troendle will draft a version of Rules and Regulations for the Swim Areas that address current concerns for the Commission to review and discuss.

5K Race- The race is August 9 and volunteers are needed. Meredith Village Savings Bank is the race sponsor donating \$800.00. The Police Department will be contacted to assist with traffic control.

Approval of Expenses- The Commission voted to approve the following purchases from the Revolving Fund: Youth Soccer Program to include uniform shirts, coaches gifts, medals and officials \$5,200.00; Summer program staff for 14 hours per week for 4 weeks up to \$1,200.00; motion was made by W. Lionetta and seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Youth Soccer- The Commission discussed the 2014 Youth Soccer Program and options for uniform tops. It was suggested to rotate the top color so participants would have a variety of the sports tops and not all the same color over a period of years.

Youth Basketball Program- The Commission discussed restructuring the winter Youth Basketball Program to develop a skills based feeder program to the schools. The program for grades 1-4 would be a Saturday morning skill session (7 weeks) with a focus on drills and fundamentals. Scrimmages/games would be held toward the end weeks of the program. The program instructors would be hired, skilled coaches who have worked with kids in teaching basketball skills and teamwork. Grades 5&6 would practice twice during the week at ACS and play games on Saturdays at PMHS with visiting teams coming to Alton to play. There was discussion that 4th graders could participate in a “skills assessment” performed by the paid instructors who can determine if the 4th grader could play up with the 5&6 graders. The fee would be \$25 for the Saturday program and \$35 for the 5&6 grade program.

Other

Boat Docks- The Commission discussed boats parking at the public boat docks longer than the 4 hour time limit and the Town’s responsibility in enforcing the time limit. K. Troendle will contact the Police Department for more information.

Levey Park- J. Downing announced that Levey Park is celebrating its 90th Birthday and the Levey Park Trustees will be holding an event, “Take a Hike” on August 16 at 9:00am with guided trail tours, to include the scenic lookout. The Trustees are excited to show the community the two miles of trails that were made for recreation. There will also be a presentation by Nancy Downing on August 19 at the Library at 7:00pm, sponsored by the Alton Historical Society, titled “Alton Bay’s Best Kept Secret” where the history of Levey Park will be discussed.

Face Book- J. Downing asked if the Levey Park information could be posted on the Parks and Recreation Face Book page and it was agreed it was a great event to tell people about.

Water Bandstand- J. Downing noted repairs are needed at the Alton Bay Water Bandstand and the landmark structure needs to be cleaned up for appearances. It was noted the Town received \$20,000 for repairs/restoration and the project is currently out to bid. The Commission recognized the importance of the Bandstand, and would like to see the historical structure restored and properly maintained.

Craft Fair Tents- There was a question regarding the time frame the tents for the Castleberry Fair could be open until. K. Troendle will contact the Town Administrator's office and ask if the 5:00pm end time for the craft fair is an ordinance or town policy.

Adjournment

E. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Parks and Recreation Director*

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