

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
February 19, 2015
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: Kristin Thomas, E. Shelton, and Peter Leavitt.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by E. Shelton.

Approval of Agenda

K. Thomas made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Approval of Minutes

E. Shelton made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Old Business

Winter Carnival- The Winter Carnival was canceled by the Alton Business Association due to ice and weather conditions. There is no make up date.

Basketball Program- K. Troendle informed the Commission that there were changes to the Wolf Pack Skills Camp with the instructor missing two weeks due to illness and a scheduling conflict. R. Troendle and PMHS students volunteered to run the program those 2 weeks. The Commission discussed purchasing the \$5 Fiddleheads lunch special for the PMHS students in appreciation for their efforts. Gift certificates to Hannaford for \$10 would be presented to 3 students (who volunteered most weeks for 3+ hours each week) along with a PR towel, instead of gas cards as discussed at the last meeting. Cow bells were handed out to players this year and the students liked them. The girl's 5&6 grade team is going to the Farmington 500 Tournament; the boys' teams were not able to get enough players to participate.

2015 Old Home Week- K. Troendle informed the Commission of the "draft" activities of the week to include: Block Party, Antique Boat Show, 5K Race, Craft Fair, Annie and the Orphans, 39th Army Band, weekday concerts in Alton Bay, Water Ski Show, Pet Show, Blueberry Dessert Contest, Spaghetti Supper, Barbershoppers Jamboree Concert at PMHS, Fireworks, Fire Dept Chicken BBQ, Steamboats, Historical Society Programs, Car Show, Ice Cream Sundae Buffet, Chili Cook off, and more. The OHWC also is looking at bringing in Miller Amusements for rides, food and games, which is like a carnival atmosphere as part of Old Home Week.

Current Program Scholarships- K. Troendle reported that two families contacted the department about reimbursing for the programs. One family has not replied to the request to volunteer or reimburse the Town. K. Troendle will send a letter in regard to future eligibility for scholarships.

New Business

Backboards for Tennis Courts- The department received a request to provide backboards at the Town Tennis Courts. The Commission discussed the benefits of providing the backboards and agreed to recommend installing the backboards at the tennis courts. The cost would be covered under the budgeted funds for Liberty Tree Park.

5K Race Brochure- The Commission reviewed the draft brochure and liked it. E. Shelton mentioned that the maple syrup prizes are unique and a nice New Hampshire item.

Art Classes- The Commission reviewed the art work samples and recommended sponsoring Water Color drawing and painting classes in March.

Community Spirit Event- The Commission discussed Town sponsored activities to promote community spirit. Examples included building a two-story snowman in Ginny Douglas Park or Alton Bay in 2015, and making scarecrows at town buildings, businesses and resident's homes in October.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director*