

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
January 5, 2017**

Present:

Members - C. Michael Burns, Charles Biondo, Jennifer Crane and Laurie Robarge

Recreation Director, Karen Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

The December 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Jennifer Crane, second by Mike Burns.

Director's Report:

Karen went through the details of the new Monthly Report. The Town Manager and the Commission agree that the new format can replace the previous format beginning January, 2017.

Old Business:

Santa's Workshop – This year saw a significant increase over the past several years to 84 children.

Breakfast with Santa – Both seatings were sold out. The stoves were not working properly, and the K of C Hall is not promising to fix them before next year's event. Karen has not found a new venue where we could offer the same atmosphere of the event, at the same price, within Wilmington. A decision has to be made whether to try the K of C for one more year, or discontinue running the event.

Yentile Farm Use Policy – Karen has drafted a policy which has been reviewed by Mike Woods and Jamie Magaldi of DPW and George Hooper of Public Buildings. It has been forwarded to Town Manager Jeff Hull for review and direction on the next steps. Karen also forwarded the draft to the Town Engineer and the Planning Director for their input. The Recreation Commission will eventually be asked to submit the Policy to the Board of Selectmen for their adoption of the policy.

Yentile Farm Use Policy – The policy was given to the Commissioners for their review. The Town is looking for their approval at the February 2 Commission meeting. Wilmington Youth Sports program representatives and others who have requested permits are invited to attend the meeting.

New Business:

The proposed budget line items are to remain the same as last year – the budget request for the Recreation Department remains modest. Although there have been substantial Capital Projects funded this year (Dog Park, Aprile Field, Collier Park swings, Town Hall Playground benches) the Recreation Revolving Fund balance is adequate.

A Non-Resident Fee Policy was proposed that would charge non-residents \$5 for classes and day trips, and \$10 for overnight trips, beginning January 1, 2018.

Open Discussion:

Dog Park – The most recent update is that the Dog Officer Chris Sullivan is disappointed with the lack of people picking up after their dogs. A suggestion was made to post a warning sign, or post on Facebook to let dog owners know that the park could be closed if bad behavior continues.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. Motion by Laurie Robarge, second by Jennifer Crane.

Submitted by:

Laurie Robarge
Commissioner