

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of January 7, 2016 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Charlie Biondo, Sheila Burke, Laurie Robarge and Deborah Cipriani, Director

**Members Absent:** Mike Burns and Mark Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

The December 3, 2015 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Charlie Biondo and seconded by Sheila Burke.

**Director Cipriani's Report:**

The program decorating Gingerbread Houses, offered by Chef's In Training, was once again very well received. A wait list was maintained and we will most likely offer the class again next year.

The Valentine's Cake Decorating class has already filled with a wait list.

New individual "pick-up" basketball programs have been introduced this year for Freshman and Sophomore Boys. A very nice group of young men are participating in the program.

Holiday Pops, Elf the Musical, "In the Holiday Mood" were all holiday offerings that went well. Participants really enjoy the convenience and acoustics of the Lowell Auditorium as a venue to see the Holiday Pops.

Santa's Workshop went well. There were 56 participants this year which was down a little bit from last year. A good time was had by all that attended.

Breakfast with Santa sold out again this year. There were new cooks in the kitchen as Chuck DePasquale has retired from Rocco's. The cooking was a little slow for the first seating but the second seating went more smoothly. WCTV did a great job filming the event and the Rotary Interact volunteers did a fantastic job. Santa is always wonderful!

Debbie meet with Jeff and Kendra regarding the FY2017 Budget. Debbie will be meeting with the Finance Committee on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Most tickets and trips can now be charged with the expansion of the on-line registration system. Celtics and Bruins tickets must still be paid for by cash or check.

**New Business:**

There are two new supervisors in the Junior Basketball League. There are 16 teams this year and the program is running really well.

The Annual Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association Conference will be held on March 21 -23 in Brewster, MA. This conference is a great way to keep updated on new trends and regulations of the business.

**Discussions:**

The Iceland trip scheduled for October 7 – 12 already has 28 people registered.

The proposed Dog Park will be discussed at the next commission meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sheila Burke at 5:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Charlie Biondo.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge  
Commissioner