

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of December 4, 2014 Meeting**

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

Member Absent: Mark Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

The November 6, 2014 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Mike Burns and seconded by Sheila Burke.

Director Cipriani's Report:

The popular Saturday Night Lights program does not offer a spring session as not to conflict with so many on going spring programs. It was suggested that Debbie get information about the I9 program offered in other towns.

The BOKS program at the Woburn Street School is going well. The Boutwell BOKS program was cancelled due to low registration. It may be best to offer the program for the Kindergarten children in perhaps January or February. This would give the children time to adjust to school first, and then add the BOKS program in mid-year.

The trip to Atlantic City was great. Two buses were sent to Bally's Resort on November 10 -13. The weather was unseasonably warm and many enjoyed shopping along the Boardwalk and the outlet stores. The concern is that if more Hotels and Casinos close it would greatly impact the quality of the trip.

New Business:

On November 10 a wrap up of the changes made at Silver Lake during the 2014 season were presented to the Board of Selectmen by Kendra Amaral. More residents attended the beach and the Recreation Department received many positive calls on the condition and experience they had at the beach. The major complaint by non-residents was the higher daily rate and lack of season passes. Wilmington residents were also unhappy that their friends and family had to pay the higher daily rate also. Baby Beach being closed was not as problematic as originally anticipated.

An update on the progress of the Yentile Farm Development Committee was also given at the Selectmen's meeting by Jeff Hull.

The winter edition of "Recreation Matters" was released on November 25.

WRBL is underway with first games being held on Saturday, December 6. Let's hope for good weather and no injuries!

Debbie has submitted her FY 2016 Budget request to the Town Manager. The only notable change is the request for an increase in the Training and Conference line item so that two people would be able to attend the annual MRPA Conference.

The bid for Quebec City was publicly opened on October 21, 2014. The trip was awarded to Conway Tours and is set for August 9 – 12, 2015.

Discussions:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Biondo at 5:29 p.m. Motion was seconded by Sheila Burke.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge
Commissioner