

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
December 7, 2023**

**Present:**

Members – Saresb Alambath, Ron Bento, Michael Burns, and Laurie Robarge

Also in Attendance – Recreation Director Brett Sawin, Senior Clerk, Marilyn Manos and Program Coordinator, Bree Harrison

Absent – Jennifer Crane

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

**Minutes:**

The November 2, 2023 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Michael Burns; second by Ron Bento.

**Director's Report:**

Brett reviewed the details of the Monthly Report for November 2023.

**Old Business:**

Santa's Workshop: Taking place tonight at 6 p.m.

ABBA Day Trip: The show was very good, and the food was outstanding. Another successful event held at Danversport Yacht Club.

**New Business:**

FY2025 Budget: Brett has submitted the Recreation budget to the Temporary Town Manager. We are asking for another \$1,000 to help with Town Beach next summer which would bring the total to \$3,000. Besides the increase in salaries, it is very similar to the FY24 Budget.

Recreation Basketball: Bree shared updates on both the Wilmington Recreation Basketball League, as well as Junior Basketball which starts in January. Due to high interest, we increased the numbers for JRBL. Last Saturday, WRBL started with Skills/Drills and the largest age group is Boys, Grades 3/4. These programs take place in gyms across town including the Middle School, North Intermediate and West Intermediate for WRBL, and the Shawsheen Elementary for JRBL. Overall things are going well, and it is great to see the programs growing with over 400 children between WRBL and JRBL.

Upcoming Trips: Since releasing our Winter Newsletter in mid-November, we have had great responses to the new trips. Normandy, Paris & the Seine River Cruise overnight trip in October 2024 is currently full with 48 travelers. "Andy Cooney Irish Celebration" and Mohegan Sun in March, Total Eclipse of Vermont in April, and Newport Playhouse in May are all half full. There is still availability for our June overnight trip to Mackinac Island & Chicago.

**Discussion/Questions:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Laurie Robarge; second by Sares Alambath.

Marilyn Manos  
Senior Clerk, Recreation