

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
November 3, 2016**

**Members Present:** Sheila Burke, Jennifer Crane, Laurie Robarge and Recreation Director, Karen Campbell

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

The October 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Sheila Burke, second by Jennifer Crane.

**Director's Report:**

Kids Test Kitchen is a new program which is teaching children to cook healthfully with a secret ingredient each week. Participants take home the ingredient (kale, spaghetti squash, etc.) to cook for their families.

The Rec. Basketball Coach Clinic was held for the upcoming WRBL season.

The Price is Right Live show was a fun event, and one of our ticket holders was chosen to "come on down", although she did not win.

WRBL – We are creating an innovative Girls program to address the underenrollment of Grade 5 – 8 Girls. There are only 7 spots left for Grade 7/8 Boys – all other divisions are full.

**Old Business:**

Monthly Report – Karen will move forward to discuss updating the Monthly Report to better reflect the activities of the department with the Town Manager.

Horribles Parade – The parade was attended by 602 children – easily the highest number since at least 2008. It went well, but Karen would like to implement some changes to streamline the line, and reduce candy given out to infants and adults.

Dog Park – Karen spoke with Animal Control Officer Chris Sullivan. The waste issue is slowly improving. Billerica and Burlington are in the process of building dog parks which should decrease attendance and ease some of the problems in Wilmington. There have been 3 reported dog bites, although Chris suspects there are more but dog owners are wary of quarantine rules that follow dog bite reports. Jackie Santini, a local realtor, is still attempting to qualify for some grant money to purchase additional benches for the park.

**New Business:**

Santa's Workshop – The Workshop will be held on December 1, directly after the Recreation Commission meeting.

Santa's Breakfast – This annual event will be held on Saturday, December 3. Debbie Cipriani will return to host the event.

Yentile Farm – Commission members have been asked to develop a Use Policy for the field. We will research the policies used by surrounding communities and the Wilmington High School.

The Recreation Department will be working on the Opening Day Event.

Program Coordinator position filled – by Jason Mainini. He has a computer background, has volunteered for Recreation Department-related Adult Softball Leagues and is a lifelong Wilmington resident.

**Open Discussion:**

Laurie Robarge said that she has been approached by residents looking for Volleyball for middle school age children. Karen reported that the Recreation Dept. is currently offering a Volleyball Clinic for Grades 5 – 8, as well as one for Grades 2 – 4.

Karen was asked to look into a Running Club for students. She could approach a member(s) of the popular Wilmington group Sole Sisters for direction.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. Motion by Sheila Burke, second by Laurie Robarge.

Submitted by:

Laurie Robarge  
Commissioner