

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
December 7, 2017**

Present:

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

Also in Attendance - Recreation Director, Karen Campbell, Senior Clerk, Linda Kanter

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

The November 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by C. Michael Burns, second by Charles Biondo.

Director's Report:

Karen reviewed the details of the November Monthly Report.

Old Business:

Santa's Workshop – Preparations are complete for this annual event to be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 9 in Town Hall.

Non-resident Beach Fees – A subsequent discussion of Beach fees was on the agenda of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, November 20. Karen was asked to attend to in order provide feedback regarding beach operation, staffing and budget if requested. No specific changes were made to the existing policy. A vote was taken to formalize the present policy that there will be no gate fees for Wilmington residents.

New Business:

Budget Presentation: The Budget process is underway for FY 2018 - 2019. The format and information to be presented to the Finance Committee has been updated at their request.

Winter 2018 Newsletter: The current newsletter was released mid-November.

WCTV "Recreation Matters" Episode 3: The third edition in this cable series focused on the role of the Recreation Commission. C. Michael Burns and Charles Biondo were guests.

MRPA Northeast Regional Meeting: Linda Kanter, Senior Clerk attended the meeting on Thursday, November 9 in Peabody. This meeting provided a forum to discuss issues and trends affecting local Recreation Departments. Among the issues discussed were cash management, community events and program vendors.

WRBL Update: Registration in this core program is stable with only a 3% decrease in registration as of today.

Open Discussion:

A discussion of the lack of access to Ristuccia Arena, and the lack of outdoor skating venues within the Town was discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Charles Biondo, second by Laurie Robarge.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter

Senior Clerk

Recreation Department