

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
November 1, 2018**

Present:

Members - Sheila Burke, C. Michael Burns and Laurie Robarge.

Absent – Charles Biondo and Jennifer Crane

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

The October 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Laurie Robarge, second by C. Michael Burns.

Director's Report:

Karen Campbell reviewed the details of the October Monthly Report.

Old Business:

Ice Skating Rink: The building materials for the rink have been ordered. DPW will move two semi-permanent benches from Yentile for the season. Use is conditional on "skating" weather, as snow and warm weather negatively impact the ice surface. The rink will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. with portable lights on site. Use is first come-first served and no permits will be issued.

Horribles Parade: It was stated that the event this year was the smoothest in recent memory. There were 473 children that marched through Wilmington High School at the culmination of the parade that began at the Public Safety Building. The Wilmington Police Department and the Wilmington Fire Department offered their support. Extra snacks donated by UTZ and Frito Lay were donated to the Wilmington Food Pantry.

New Business

Bar Harbor Trip: Karen updated the members about the October 25 – 27 trip to Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. The Nor'easter did have an effect on one of the trip components but the substitutions by the tour company were very well received.

Santa's Workshop: This annual event will be held immediately following the December 6 Commission Meeting.

Lifeguard Shortage: In a proactive response to this year's lifeguard shortage, Karen has started the process of recruiting lifeguards for the 2019 beach season. In collaboration with the Beach Supervisor, Karen is in contact with local organizations such as the Billerica Boys & Girls Club and the Reading YMCA regarding certification classes. In addition, Karen is in contact with other Recreation Departments and has put a "Lifeguards Wanted" ad in our upcoming Winter 2019 newsletter.

Discussion/Questions

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by C. Michael Burns, second by Sheila Burke.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter

Senior Clerk, Recreation Department