

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held October 25, 2021 at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

David Schneiderbeck

Kathleen Andreasen

Sarah Better (by phone)

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Director presented a financial statement for the year to date.

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS

Don reviewed the programs, trips and events that took place this year, including 6 free concerts. He noted that there will be approximately 38 people going on the Kennebunkport trip and trips to Ikea and the Westfield Mall are coming up. He noted that Melissa Woodward is running a soccer program after school. It is hoped the basketball program can resume once a location is found.

For new programs Sarah suggested a Sports and Snacks program for 4 to 9-year-olds on a Saturday in November, running from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. She noted that Missy Woodward runs a soccer group and would have followers.

Sarah also suggested an after school activity on Wednesdays if permission can be obtained to use the Warren School gymnasium.

HOLIDAY ON THE HILL

Don reported that planning is underway for the annual Holiday on the Hill celebration to take place Saturday, Dec. 4. He said the Library is not sure where they will be in their renovations at that time and asked Sarah to follow up to see if the gingerbread house program could proceed.

Don said the Parks and Rec Commission traditionally distributes pulled pork sliders, and asked for authorization to purchase the food and supplies. On motion by Dave, seconded by Kathy, the Commission voted 4-0 to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 for the food and supplies.

Don reported on his efforts to purchase a large tree to be planted on the hill below the community center, above the electronic sign. It is hoped the tree can be purchased and installed in time to light at the Holiday on the Hill celebration. Don said Jon Favreau is planning to light up the buildings in the Town Center. The Juletide Carolers will be performing and the church will have an event too.

WARREN TOWN BEACH

Don reported that the Washington Club has removed fencing on their side of the property. He would like to speak to them about the condition of the beach access road. He also suggested purchasing a floating foam mat for swimmers to play on. It is safer than a float and no maintenance. Dave suggested replacing some of the grills. Kathy suggested the Board consider improving access to the water for the disabled.

The members discussed the acquisition of a kayak rack for the beach. Dave volunteered to build one with room for eight kayaks with expansion possibilities if needed. On motion by Dave, seconded by Kathy, the Commission voted 4-0 to authorize an allocation of up to \$1,000 for the construction of a kayak rack.

WARREN WOODS

Don asked the Commission members to suggest improvements to Warren Woods. Dave noted the park could be cleaned up, outdated equipment removed, etc. There is also storm damaged trees and brush that could be removed.

On motion by Kathy, seconded by Dave, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.