



TOWN OF NEWTON, NH

Recreation Commission



*2 Town Hall Road
Newton, NH 03858*

Date: May 7, 2018

Call to Order - 7:00 pm

In attendance – Chairman Stephen St. Cyr, Vice Chairman Vanessa Burrill, Matthew Burrill (representing Selectmen), Christine Kuzmitski, and Patricia Masterson (recording minutes); Guests – Mike Pivero, Road Agent, Police Chief Jewett

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Burrill made a Motion to approve the Minutes for April 16, 2018, and Ms. Kuzmitski seconded the Motion, which was unanimously approved with no discussion.

Memorial Day Parade

The Sanborn School does not have a band available for the parade. We may have to use a pa system for music.

Brian Cheney will be the Grand Marshal. He is a former Marine. We will need a convertible. He will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Burrill will work with Secretary of Selectmen Diane Morin to have 150 programs printed.

Mr. Pivero will contact the Kingston Vets for taps. He also sent an invitation to the Girl Scouts, the Rolling Thunder, combat veterans, and antique cars. Selectman Burrill will reach out to the Newton Baseball League.

The parade will start from the Central Fire Station at 10 a.m.

Chief Jewett will contact the Commonwealth to let them know that the road will be closed for 30 minutes. He will design a plan for an exit route with cones and barricades.

Cars will be doubled and only exit one way.

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Mr. Pivero will work on obtaining a color guard. Selectman Burrill will reach out to Sargent Woods Veterans, Mr. Landry about using a stage coach and the North Shore Bank about parking.

Ms. Masterson will work with the Town Administrator to order 250 flags and candy to be distributed to the children.

Two pop-up tents are needed as well as audio speakers and chairs.

Final plans will be made at the May 21 meeting of the Recreation Commission.

Olde Home Day

September 15 will be the date for Olde Home Day. Will it be located at Memorial School or Greenie Park? Vice Chair Burrill will speak to the Superintendent of Schools. Vice Chair Burrill will start to invite vendors and ask them to save the date once the location is chosen.

Vice Chair Burrill made a Motion to hire the Red Sox Mascot Wally the Green Monster on Olde Home Day for two hours at \$650. Chairman St. Cyr seconded the Motion. It passed unanimously with no discussion.

Road Race

A tentative date for the 5K Road Race is December 8. It may be a Jingle Bell run in conjunction with Toys for Tots. Mr. Pivero will contact the Marines about coordinating the Toys for Tots collections. We may be able to start the run at the Safety Complex at 1:00.

Other Dates and Events

Should we have a pancake breakfast on the morning of Veterans Day? It could be held inside the new fire station, on Thursday, November 11.

Ms. Kuzmitski sent out 115 emails asking for ideas for a Senior trip. A resident contacted her with concerns about wheelchair access. She booked a Portland Lighthouse cruise with lunch. The trip costs \$89 per person. Seniors will pay \$35, and the Town pays the difference. August 8 or August 15 will be the date for the cruise. It is handicap accessible.

Town Beach

The Girl Scouts completed their cleanup of the Town Beach. The Wetlands Preservation permit is in process. Abutters are being notified that new beach sand will be added. The YMCA will send a contract for two weekend lifeguards from June 20 until Labor Day.

Recreation Commission Bylaws

Vice Chair Burrill will retype the Recreation Bylaws so the Recreation Commission can revise them.

Color Printing

Selectman Burrill will speak to the Board of Selectman Secretary about the use of the Selectmen's color printer for sending out correspondence, such as Olde Home Day letters.

Recreation Commission Chair

Chairman St. Cyr announced his resignation due to time constraints. He will complete the projects he is working on and continue overseeing the Country Pond Town Beach.

Adjournment

Ms. Kuzmitski made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vice Chair Burrill seconded the Motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON May 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the REAR of the TOWN HALL.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Masterson
Recreation Commission Secretary