

Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024 6:00PM

Deerfield Town Hall

Present: Beth Brown, Gretchen Bysiewski, Eileen Skribiski-Banack, Rod Warnick, Meg Washburn

Absent: Becky Zoly, Jeff Galli

Guest: Sue Antonellis, Lili Dwight, Kathy Sylvester

Meeting called to order by Gretchen

Motion made to accept minutes from January 30, 2023

Motion: Gretchen 2nd: Beth Vote: Yes

2025 Budget: 2025 salary budget request \$65,579.00.

Motion to approve: Gretchen 2nd: Rod Vote: yes

Committee resignation: Sue received an e-mail from Becky Zoly resigning from the committee

Motion to accept Becky Zoly's resignation: Gretchen 2nd: Eileen Vote: yes

Basketball: Ben Barshefsky held a coaching and kids clinic in December. It was well attended, but wish more Deerfield players took advantage of a fun, teaching event. Team #'s Grade 1-10 Grade 2-30 Grade 3 & 4-4 teams Grade 5 & 6-2 teams Grade 7 & 8-1 team now plays in the Quabbin League Grade 9-12 1 team plays in Northampton.

Valentine's Day Luminaries: Luminaries will be sold by the department bags & candles 10/\$10.00.

February 14 6-? "You Light Up My Heart". There has been a banner placed on the common.

Ice Skating at Eaglebrook: Sunday nights, January 7-February 11, 5-6 pm, there have been between 25-30 people in attendance.

Berkshire East Skiing: There are 5 parents and kids participating in the program which offers, lift tickets, lessons and rentals.

Baseball Clinics: There will be clinics and assessments at DA field house from March 2-10.

Pilates: new session January 16-March 26.

Food & Toy drive: Many toys were donated to the Salvation Army and food to the Franklin County Survival center.

Holiday Lighting contest: we did not have it this year, but next year we could compile a list of addresses so people could look at lights.

Soccer: No issues during the soccer season. Hard time finding referees for the games, but the girls from V & JV stepped up.

Sugarloaf shed and dugouts were painted as an eagle Scout project last summer.

Summer Concerts: Concert fees are significantly higher. Sue would like to look for sponsors and pass around a donation bucket at the concerts. She sees this done at other summer concerts in the area.

Family Fun Day: We'd like to have a day for the kids with blow-ups such as, bounce house, slide, obstacle course. We used to have a foam pit, but the company no longer offers that service. Date is June 8 from 1-3PM. The Friends of Deerfield are interested in perhaps also burying the time capsule that day.

Sue will look into cost (perhaps a donation from the 350th committee since we were unable to have kids activities last year), food and/or ice cream truck, dunk tank. We may also charge \$5.00 per child to help defray the cost of the event.

CPC Committee members Lil Dwight and Kathy Sylvester came to the meeting looking for a representative from Rec to attend their meetings. They explained that this is their busy time and they take applications until March. They are regulated by state bylaws. They receive 3% from taxes and a percentage from the state to be used for open space, recreation, historic and senior housing projects.

Kayce had spoken to Sue and said that Peter James is interested in being on the CPC committee because there is a hardship in Rec committee members attending those meetings. She is in contact with the town lawyer to see if that is allowed.

A motion was made to allow Peter James to represent the recreation Committee.

Motion: Gretchen 2nd Beth Vote: yes