

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting

January 4, 2021

Zoom

A. The meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Megan Nelson, Melissa Roy, Pam Welles, Jon Sweeton, and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki in attendance. Nora Bishop was absent

B. There was no public input.

C. The November minutes were reviewed. Megan Nelson made the motion to accept and Jon Sweeton seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.

D. Correspondence

- Pre-Thanksgiving Hike- calls and questions about the hike and the alternate plan due to the pandemic.
- Christmas Crafters- Setting up with the fire department & Jon Talarski.
- Ski Sundown- Organizing and the info sent to parents for first day.

E. Old Business:

- Pre Thanksgiving Hike – Ended up having it as a drive by pick up of goody bags and a hike map. Families shared their photos with the town by using a specified hashtag. Positive feed back despite the last minute change. Beautiful day and families still hiked on their own.
- Holiday crafters- Change of plans had to be made because of the pandemic. Drive up Santa at town hall with pre-registered craft bags. We went through 70 + craft bags. Excellent turn out due to getting the word out through social media and the school.
- Ski Club- Some changes this year. Parents are asked to stay due to limited indoor access. They can use their own cars as warming areas for their children. Donna is making pre packaged snacks for each week of ski club to help limit the need to access indoors. There are three parents who volunteered to assist participants in getting on the bus at the school. Currently we are waiting on a response from Ski Sundown in regards to Barkhamsted School's noon dismissal in January and February. Donna asked Ski Sundown if it was okay if our ski club arrived earlier than planned.
- Holiday light contest- very well received in town. Many people viewing the light displays. 30 + homes and businesses participated and 40 ballots were cast. The map was a huge help as well as the order in which to view the lights. It was suggested by Melissa Roy to hand out trophies next year vs gift cards. A little less expensive but very fun and coveted.

F. New Business

- Budget planning – The budget was organized again this year by director Donna . It reflects the changes that need to be made due to the pandemic while hopeful that some programs can still happen it also takes into consideration a possible decline in attendance. This budget was very

difficult to plan because of all the unknowns due to the pandemic. Melissa Roy motioned to accept the budget and Megan Nelson seconded the motion.

Pamela Welles motioned to adjourn and Peter Baker seconded the motion,

All accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Melissa Roy