

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2022

- A. The meeting called to order at 6:33 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop, Megan Nelson and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki were in attendance. Jon Sweeton and Pam Welles were absent.
- B. There was no public input.
- C. There was no November meeting due to a lack of quorum. The October minutes were reviewed. A correction to the minutes to change the amount of the soccer expense bill from \$14 to \$140 was made. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Nora Bishop, Peter Bakker Jr seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.
- D. Correspondence
There was correspondence in the following program areas: Thanksgiving Hike, Christmas in Riverton, Ski Program, Pickleball, Karate
- E. Old Business:
 - 1. Pickleball – 37 registered for this session. Program Monitor is in place. New paddles were bought, there is a revenue of \$740.00. Director Carney-Bastrzycki reported that the elementary school has added this sport to their curriculum.
 - 2. Karate – very successful session. Riley Wells volunteered again to assist the instructor. The next session is scheduled for Spring.
 - 3. Halloween Sock Hop – the event went very well with our record attendance of over 230. There was a DJ switch at the last minute. Of note, a payment was sent out by the town hall to the DJ that did not perform at the event. Communication has been made to the DJ and he should be returning the funds to the town. Director Carney-Bastrzycki and the Town will continue to follow up on this issue.
 - 4. Pre-Thanksgiving Hike – Hike went well, there were approximately 13 hikers with 22 pre-registered. The weather was great and the route was good for the whole group. The new thermos was a great addition!
 - 5. Christmas Crafters – the event was very well attended with one of our highest attendances despite the rain. Space was limited but it was good to have the location in conjunction with the visits with Santa at the Old Riverton Inn. Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki also took photos of the visits with Santa and Craft fair and did an album/posts after the event. Our new Santa suit that we got this year was a great addition.
- F. New Business
 - 1. Ski Club – 15 registered. There are a considerable number of details being finalized with parents, as well as setting up volunteers for the program.
 - 2. Equipment and Supplies - Discussion around purchase of Barkhamsted Recreation T-shirts and Pickleball T-shirts and two spotlights for the Halloween Dance.
 - 3. Program Advertising –social media has been an excellent way to advertise the numerous events put on by the Recreation Department.

4. Department Budget - Director Carney-Bastrzycki has started working on the budget. The annual minimum wage increase will be added.

Megan Nelson motioned to adjourn, and Peter Bakker, Jr seconded the motion. All accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Nora Bishop.