

Durham Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2025 at 7pm

Durham Community Center Room 1

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Call to Order/Roll Call-7:14 pm

Present: Dave Mastroianni, Lindsay Dahlheimer, Chris Balay, Kim Johansen, Stephanie online then in person at 7:25 pm.

Absent: Janet Morganti, Rita Van Steenbergen, Pam Carey, Kathy Marzano, Mark Simmons

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Dave M.

Seating of Alternates: Lindsay D.

Approval of Agenda (12-11-2025)-Motion by Chris B. Second by Lindsay D. All aye.

Approval of the November 13th, 2025 Minutes-Motion by Lindsay D., second by Chris B. All aye.

Public Comment-None

Committee Chair Comments:

Town Green-Tree Lighting Ceremony-December 6th 2025-Recap

- Went really well.
- Great participation by community and organizations, as well as recreation committee members.
- Thanked Jon Herzig for driving Santa, Brian Woodford and Russo Tree for decorating the trees.
- Wants to send a thank you to Dunkin for donating the hot chocolate.
- Paper House Productions' participation was well-received.
- Bells from Belvin Bells in East Hampton were a hit.
- 2026 tree lighting will be December 5.
- Kim suggested decorating town hall, if possible.
- Brainstormed about other ways to brighten up the center of town and other activities.

Winter Market 2025/26 Status:

- Dave would like to get someone to organize a gingerbread house event for kids at Dec. 20th market.
- Lindsay suggested putting gingerbread on RecDesk to see if there is interest.
- We are getting more vendors as other markets and vendor events end for the season.
- Insurance is an issue for some vendors.
- After January 17, 2026 market, we should about 22 vendors.
- Brian thanked committee members for stepping up while he was sick.

Outstanding Receipts-None presented

Holiday Home Light Tour Update: Lindsay presented

- 18 participants.
- Map completed with a Google maps link
- Stakes outside homes with their numbers will go up soon.
- Suggestion for plaque for yearly winners.
- Peoples' choice ballots will be out soon.
- Discussed types of prizes and where to order ribbons, etc.

Tentative Budget Discussion for 26/27 Committee Meeting:

- Dave would like to extend summer concert series
- Brian would like to purchase a volley ball set so we don't have to rely on RSD13 to allow use of their equipment and space.
- Dave suggested checking with local colleges to see if they have old equipment to donate.
- Increased staff wages with increase in camp hours.
- Beautification plan.
- Increase revenue while keeping costs low for residents.
- Run169 Towns Society 5K brought in about \$1700 which will be donated to go towards signage, etc., next year.
- More funds for Fun Runs-continue partnership with Benchwarmers.
- Ten-year plan.

**Brian- Updates-None

Public Comment-None

Adjournment: 7:41 pm. Motion made by Lindsay D. Second by Kim J. All aye.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morganti