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Durham Recreation Committee Minutes

September 10, 2026

7 p.m.

Durham Community Center – Room One

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Call to Order/Roll Call: 7:01 p.m.

Present: Janet Morganti, Stephanie Fisher, Rita Van Steenberg, Chris Balay, Kim Johansen, Kim Brackett and Brian Medeiros, ex-officio

Absent: Mallory Castro, Jane Eddleston, Pam Carey, Kathy Marzano, Brian MacDuff

Pledge of Allegiance led by Janet M.

Seating of Alternates: none.

Approval of Agenda: motion by Chris B., second by Rita V. All aye

Approval of August 13, 2026 minutes: There was no quorum, notes were taken. Chris B. motioned to approve notes, Rita V. seconded, all aye, Chris abstained.

No public comment.

Trunk or Treat-Updates

- **October 24, rain or shine, 12-2 p.m.**
- **Registration is on Rec Desk**
- **Set up beginning at 11:15 am**
- **Motion to pay DJ \$150 made by Stephanie F., seconded by Chris B. All aye.**
- **Costume categories for prizes: Cutest, Prettiest, Best Super Hero, Most original**
- **Discussion on purchasing pin the Hat on the Cat, Tattoos and other crafty items**
- **Set up area for coloring and tattoos**
- **Discussed categories for costume awards: prettiest, cutest, most original, best superhero**
- **Discussed handing out ribbons that we have on hand**
- **Discussed who can participate in Trunk or Treat-civic, nonprofits, businesses, residents and town political parties as long as there are no political materials distributed**

Grant Update

- Janet and Brian met with Brendan R., Beth M. and Charlie B met on September 3rd to discuss proposed uses for the grant which is being sponsored by John-Michael Parker. Lighting at Allyn Brook park was the top choice.
- Brian and Janet met with Charlie on September 9th at Allyn Brook to check out locations for the lighting

Recreation Director Updates: Brian Medeiros

- Summer Camp had a total of 360 kids attending both sessions combined
- The kids enjoyed STEM days, tie dye, a relaxation station provided by DMYFS and ice cream truck
- The staff was great
- Fun Runs-were well-attended with 150 kids participating
- Ice cream truck was a hit at fun runs-Sponsored by the Bench Warmers and Liberty Bank
- Camps-soccer and basketball camps had more participants this year
- Music lessons with Tim Fisher went very well with him teaching over 68 lessons
- Women's softball started late, but went well. More teams would be welcome and there were USA certified umpires.
- Summer Concerts-Were well-attended with a few having to be rescheduled due to weather. Sunday concert seemed to be a good day for attendance, may have more on Sundays
- New programs
 - Art classes with Pam's Picassos are scheduled for fall and winter
 - Cake decorating with Cheryl, Frosted Cupcakes and possibly a joint effort with her and What The Fudge
 - Sky Hawks for younger kids on Fridays in Oct/Nov
 - Youth Clinics for k-2nd grades. Brian noted that Becky Finnerty, basketball coordinator, has retired and he will post her position soon
 - Would like to split her position into two staffers by kids' ages
 - Would like to have families involved
 - Fusion Dance from Wallingford would like to have classes in gym
 - Working on more gym activities for adults that are dependent on RSD 13 cooperation

New Business

- Discussed early advertising of holiday house decorating contest, get applications online the first week of November and application deadline 11/30/2026, judging days; 12/11, 12/12 and 12/13, awards can be presented the week of 12/14, would like better signage, have a reminder at tree lighting-(Can discuss further in October)
- Discussed the tree lighting on 12/5 and decided to put hot chocolate in insulated pump pots, get cookies and Brian will check our Bevin Bells supply
- Reach out to Tim Fisher to have band and chorus attend
- Need a better PA system-Stephanie has

No public comment.

Adjournment: 8:01 p.m. Motion made by Chris B, seconded by Stephanie F. all aye

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Morganti