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Durham Recreation Committee Minutes

October 8, 2026-7pm

Durham Community Center Rm 1

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

Present: Janet Morganti, Mallory Castro, Pam Carey, Brian MacDuff, Kim Johansen, Chris Balay, Brian Madeiros, Kim Brackett.

Absent: Rita Van Steenberg, Kathy Marzano, Stephanie Fischer, Jane Eddleston.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Janet M.

Seating of Alternates: Brian MacDuff for Stephanie Fisher.

Agenda: Motion to approve by Chris B, Pam C. with second. All in favor, no abstentions.

September Minutes: Motion to approve by Chris B., Janet M. with second. All in favor, no abstentions.

No public comment.

Trunk or Treat:

- Projected participation (trunks) similar to last year, between 15-20.
- Consider ice cream treat with ticket purchase. Limit options to keep cost low.
- Brian will purchase tattoos, stickers etc.
- Volunteers include Brian MacDuff, Jane Eddleston, Chris Balay, Janet M., and Mallory C.

Motion by Chris B. to approve \$600 for ice cream truck at Trunk or Treat event, seconded by Pam C. All in favor, no abstentions.

Committee volunteer assignments TBD.

Holiday Lights Contest:

- Keep categories, Best Inflatables, Over the Top, Best Farm Theme, Simple & Spirited, add Most Traditional, Youth Display, possible category Just For Fun and special category for America 250 and reinstate People's Choice. Consider involvement of school district for voting. The final decision on categories will be decided at November meeting.
- Move up deadline for entries to allow for week-long judging period. Difficulty with late Thanksgiving allowing less time for entries to set up.
- December 9 for entry completion deadline. Judging the following week December 10 in lieu of meeting.
- Brian The group agreed that judging would take place December 10-14, with winners announced around December 17, and people's choice voting would close December 27.

- MacDuff will look into crafting ornaments for participants.
- Brian Medeiros will check with Dave M. regarding plaques for winners.
- Discussed purchasing bells for tree lighting.
- Discussed improving voting and viewing process.
- Discussed possible Holiday Fair in December. Brian can reach out to Dave M, Erica F. and old vendors from market to see if there would be interest.

Recreation Director Report:

- Brian said there is a road race in the works and is working out the details for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It was previously called a Durham 4K race.
- Dynamic FX Laser, a couple from Durham, have discussed having a laser light show at tree lighting, December 5th with Brian and Brendan R. Will invite to our November meeting.
- We have clearance to use Strong School gym and had a productive meeting with Brendan R. and district 13. Still working on a compromise, but activities, including adults, will start soon.
- Brian is working out details for winter sports camps-3 sessions, split between Brewster and Lyman. Kim J. suggested adding if child has allergies on registration.

Adjournment: 8:40 p.m. Motion made by Pam C., second by Chris B.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mallory Castro and Janet Morganti