

## **UNAPPROVED**

### **Town of Auburn Parks and Recreation Commission February 16, 2015**

**In attendance were:** Chairman, Mr. Tim Therrien; Co-chairman, Mr. Kim Lufkin; Commissioners, Mrs. Lisa Canavan and Mr. Alex Eisman; Alternate Commissioners, Ms. Margie McEvoy, Mr. Pat Kelly, and Mr. Dave Nye; Selectman, Jim Headd. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording the minutes.

#### **Winter Carnival**

Mr. Therrien stated that the winter carnival was a success despite the fact that there was not enough snow for a sliding hill and there was a snow storm the day of the event. Mr. Kim Lufkin suggested that next year we consider having a fire going throughout the event in a fire pit or similar. The other suggestion was to rent a couple of outdoor propane heaters. Mrs. Hiltz noted that she is investigating having a snow shoe exhibit and/or a snow shoe race again next year. She has also been in contact with neighboring communities and they offer ice sculptures, a snowmobile race and rides and even dog sledding exhibits.

#### **Concert Series**

Mrs. Helen Hiltz presented Ms. Maureen Julianos proposed concert dates of June 18<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> to the Committee. She also proposed Ms. Julianos suggestion of calling the Coffee House "the Hippy Dippy Coffee House" and renaming the summer concerts "Rock this Town" in order to draw more attention to the events. It was also suggested that a "best costume" contest could be considered for the Hippy Dippy Coffee House. The Committee agreed to the proposed dates for the concerts and the other suggestions. Mrs. Hiltz stated that Mrs. Patty Pappas has volunteered to help with posters etc. in the past and Ms. Julianos will be asking for her assistance this year to make up signs for the events.

#### **New Venue to Replace the Memorial Day Bazaar**

Mrs. Helen Hiltz stated that a decision had to be made about what direction the Committee would go in with the new venue so that she could start the planning process. Mr. Tim Therrien noted that while he was attempting to coordinate the efforts of the Historical Society and the Parks and Recreation Committee to expand the Duck Race into an "Old Home Days" type of event, he has received feedback that separate events are favored. Ms. Margie McEvoy and Mrs. Lisa Canavan referenced several concerns that Mr. Dan Carpenter and Ms. Dee Cleary stated during the meeting that they had with the Parks and Recreation Committee. One of the concerns was that the two organizations had differing goals for their events. Another concern was the resources that would be required for the expanded festivities. It was noted by several committee members that a combined effort may present conflicts in the planning and execution of different aspects of the festivities.

***Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to have a separate Parks and Recreation event, similar to the Memorial Day Bazaar. Mr. Alex Eisman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in Favor***

Several dates were proposed for the event. Conditions such as possible weather conditions, vacation times, school start dates, etc. were all considered. An August 22<sup>nd</sup> date was finally decided upon. The festivities will start at 3:00. An outdoor movie is being considered in place of fireworks. Mrs. Hiltz will invite the vendors who have worked with us in the past. Mrs. Hiltz will also attempt to secure the same DJ that played at the winter carnival. The AMC will work to secure novelty vendors and food vendors. It was decided that various food vendors will be allowed to secure spots for this event. Non-profit organizations will be offered free spaces to promote their organization or sell items. Mr. Kim Lufkin, Mr. Dave Nye and Mr. Alex Eisman made several proposals to expand the activities of the day by planning games, having a whiffle ball or soft ball tournament, having soccer trials, etc. A dunk tank was also proposed. Mr. Therrien asked Mrs. Hiltz to investigate the possibility of the Little League running the dunk tank. Mrs. Canavan stated that the August timeframe may be more conducive to having the hot air balloon at the event. Mrs. Canavan will investigate securing the hot air balloon. Mr. Lufkin noted that some communities have had promotions or displays put on by the fire department, i.e. trial car burn or "sledge a car". Mrs. Hiltz will check with the fire department to see how we can work together again this year. A more visual, advertised "touch a truck" may be an option.

### **Senior Dinner**

Mrs. Margie McEvoy stated that the senior dinner was a success again this year. 88 people were served and there were 25 take outs. All of the seniors enjoyed themselves.

### **New Business**

Mr. Therrien stated that Mrs. Hiltz has been utilizing her personal phone to conduct town business. He asked the Committee to consider allocating money from the Parks and Recreation budget to provide a phone and service for Mrs. Hiltz. All in favor.

Mr. Dave Nye asked how we were proceeding with the Wayne Eddows Axillary field effort. Mr. Therrien stated that Stantec needed to do some more engineering on the project and that engineering could not be done until the snow melts.

It was noted that drinking and smoking by under aged individuals has been observed at the skating rink. Selectman Jim Headd will ask the Board of Selectmen how this would best be handled.

### **ASC**

Mr. Pat Kelly stated that the Auburn Soccer Club now has a website [auburnsoccerclub.org](http://auburnsoccerclub.org). Mrs. Hiltz will ask to have the website posted on the Parks and Recreation page.

***Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes as written. Mr. Alex Eisman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.***

***Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.***