

**Town of Auburn  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
December 9, 2019**

**Commissioners Present:** Patty Rousseau, Chairman; Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Pat Kelly; Dave Oliveira; Mary Royer; Todd Bedard, Selectman Rep

**Others Present:** Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator

**Budget**- We are wrapping up the 2019 and are still in budget. There are a few outstanding invoices that we are waiting to come in. We have told the BOS that we will not be using the \$4000 in the budget for the ice rink as we would rather to a larger repair in the future. Rick Eaton has a suggestion that may help with the rink issues after he discussed it with a roofing company. He will address it with the BOS and then we'll report back.

Our meeting with the budget committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Winter Carnival**- The Winter Carnival is coming up on Saturday, January 11, 4:00-7:00 pm. The DJ has been booked. There are leftover cups, marshmallows and some coco from the Polar Express event. Margie is going to pick burgers and s'mores. The firepit is in the storage and the snowman cutout is at Amy's house.

Volunteers are needed for the event. Commissioners will check with their schedules and Amy will send out an email with times and jobs for volunteers. Last year there also were outside vendors to offer coco and cookies. Amy will check with them to see if they'd like to come back this year. The Teen Council would like to help and offer additional activities such as snowman building (if there is snow).

**Senior Dinner**- The Senior Dinner is set for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 pm at the Longmeadow Church. Mary and Margie have all the volunteers are all lined up and everything is ready to go.

**Foxwoods Trip**- We had a little left in the senior trip line because there was no admission fee for the last trip to Cannon Mountain so we decided to add a third trip that was open to the whole community, not just seniors. Auburn seniors will pay \$15 and other residents and anyone from out of town will pay \$30. The trip will be held on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Auburn Tree Lighting**- The Tree Lighting event, that was held at the Auburn Historical Association building, was very nice with the snow falling at the event and went off without a problem. All the funds needed to pay for the event came from donations from local businesses and families. Approximately 150 people attended

**Polar Express Movie Night**- The event was held last night. There were 119 people paid for the event, just a bit shy of breaking even. Everyone who attended had a good time. We'll try it again next year but maybe with the different movie each year.

**Craft Night**- This was another painting night but this time was for the adults. There were 16 people registered which was a great turn out. They all want more events like this so we'll probably do another around valentine's day.

**2020 Lawn Care RFP**- All the bids came in for the 2020 Lawn Care contract. The summary was included with the agenda for this meeting. The lowest 2 bidders were Parker and Plazascapes. Kenyon, who was the landscaper for 2019, was the highest bidder. The next step will be to schedule interviews for 2 or 3 companies along with the school and cemetery.

**Ice Skating Rinks**- The snow needs to be cleared off the rinks before they are filled. The upcoming warm weather will probably help with that. The big rink has the plug in it so it's ready to go. Amy has the sandbags at the Town Hall. They

should be filled soon in preparation of putting down the plastic on the small rink. We'll also need volunteers to help put the plastic over the small rink right before the FD brings the water. To pick the date, we need a long stretch of cold weather and Amy will coordinate with the Chief.

**Little League Update**- Nothing to report at this time.

**Auburn Soccer Club**- Nothing to report at this time.

**Facilities Updates**- Nothing to report at this time.

**Review of Minutes**- In the discussion in the minutes from November 18, 2019 about the trash pickup at Wayne Eddows, Margie wanted to add in "soccer" to that sentence. After a lengthy discussion, the sentence "Zach replied that during baseball/softball season, Little League will take care of trash and Parks and Rec will do it during the other seasons" will be changed to "Parks and Recreation will assist with trash removal throughout the seasons".

*Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of November 18, 2019 with the changes noted above. Mr. Oliveira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Royer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*