

Town of Plaistow  
Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 13, 2017    6:30 pm    Town Hall

***Called to Order*** 6:33 pm

***In Attendance:*** Bill Coye, Rick Marino, Patrick Buckley, Kerry Patles, John Sherman, Christina Cruz, Rollanda Hughes, Sue Sherman (arrives 6:45 pm)

***Excused:*** Kristin Lewis-Savage, Dan Guide, Lisa Petry, Leona Senter

Bill states that Rick Marino has handed in his resignation effective immediately. Rick is a new resident of Atkinson, NH and as such can no longer serve on Recreation Commission. Rick has been a valuable member of the Commission for some time, serving as liaison to Friends of Plaistow Recreation as Vice President. Thank you Rick for your valued contributions; you will be missed. Kerry is next alternate in line; Christina will request her appointment be added to the agenda for a Selectman's meeting.

***Approval of Minutes***

November 2017    Patrick moves to approve Kerry seconds  
Passes 4-0-0

***Directors Report***

5 items listed in Directors Report – only a few items are discussed in detail

***Programming***

Baseball/Softball – Open House this Saturday December 16. Bill mentions catcher's mitts are needed by baseball.

Kids Night with Library – will be January 12 ....average 25-30 kids to attend. To increase that we may want to consider adding staff to future events.

Family NYE Program at PAC – 1 pm – FREE - hosted by Plaistow, Atkinson & Sandown Rec Depts; all Timberlane families welcome. Facebook event created by Plaistow Rec Dept. Pictures and posts highlighting the event are recommended to be shared.

***Trips***

Dates listed are preliminary.....

Indian Head is not listed – it has been requested for Christina to look into giving it a try again.

***Facilities***

Basketball/Wall Ball court work will resume in Spring 2018. Discussion ensues regarding "other side" of wall ball; add lines and/or net for street hockey? Keep as open space?

***Grants***

LWCF grant deadline was extended; it is still being worked on. Land issue with abutting property on Old County Road will need to be resolved prior to deadline of January 26, 2018. Grant decisions are expected in the spring, with funds available late summer 2018.

**Counselor in Training Program – Request for Changes**

Christina states she would like to format CIT Program for Summer Recreation similarly to Sandowns'. Sandown requires CITs attend orientation, parents sign off on expectations and rules. CITs in Sandown are also reviewed biweekly and invited to remain in the program only after successful reviews.

Discussion ensues regarding the handout Christina has provided regarding the CIT program – overview, program details, CIT goals & responsibilities.

It is recommended that she rework this, maybe trim it to bullet points and bring it back to Rec Comm for review.

**Open**

Strategic Needs should be reviewed in January as it has been tabled repeatedly in recent months.

January 2017 meeting has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

January Directors Report will be emailed the third week of January upon Christinas' return from Northern New England Conference.

Any discussion/issues that arise from that report can be emailed to the group at that time.

Strategic Needs will be added to the February 2018 agenda.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday February 14, 2018 6:30 pm – Town Hall

Note: potential conflict with scheduled meeting date – Chair will update as necessary

Respectfully Submitted -

Kerry Patles