

Columbia Recreation Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 11, 7:00 PM

Conference Room

Present: Ann Dunnack, Melissa Petrone, Jill Swenson, Nikki Keldsen, Millie Ramsey

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:50pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved for 6/9/15 4-0-0.
3. **Audience of Citizens:** Christine Sposito, Christa McManus and Lysie White attended meeting to discuss concerns about safety of playground at rec park. They would like to see the playground replaced with a safer play area that is accessible to all. They would be willing to assist in fundraising and the constructing of the playground in order to reduce costs. Ann states that the large playground improvement is in the 5 year capitol plan. Ann recommends they attend a BOS meeting with their thoughts.
4. Marc Volza new Assistant Recreation Director, graduated from Eastern, helped with Windham basketball program.
5. **Old Business:**
 1. **Beach:** Millie reports that things are going well at the beach. Attendance has vacillated between 35-100 attendees a day.
 2. **Kayaks:** Millie will develop plan on renting kayaks for free once the beach season is over.
 3. **Columbia Market:** 22 vendors are signed up to attend the event. Several non-profits, a few farms and some vendors.
6. **New Business:**
 1. **Basketball:** Starting to organize for upcoming season. Sign-ups start in September. Concussion management education required for coaches.
 2. **Fall Programs:** Paint and Sip nights are scheduled. Babysitting class possibly in October. Self-defense instructor looking at acquiring insurance before he provides a class off site.

3. **Road Race/Chili Cook-off:** Road race scheduled for October 25, 2015. Jill will contact Eastern Highlands about permit for Chili cook-off.
4. **Dog Show:** The Historical Society is sponsoring a dog show with assistance of the CRC.
5. **2016 Car Show:** The Historical Society is sponsoring a car show in 2016.
7. **Other:**
8. **Recreation Director's Report:** open gym night for women not well attended, looking into volleyball. Financials looked good.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Petrone
Secretary

Received: August 26, 2015
At 10:05
Attest: Gabriel M. Keneff
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk

