



“Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community.”

**MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

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Chairman Stephen Bordua called the special meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:17 PM in Library Conference Room 3 at the Thompson Library.

Members Present: Sylvie Hanshaw, Stephen Bordua, Albert Lafleur, Cynthia Antos and Cathy Thomas.

Members absent: Jeanne Dery and Robert Monahan.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Renee Waldron.

Secretary’s Report

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Special Meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
 - a. The Summer Camp had an increase in campers this summer. With a slight increase in camp fees, the summer camp ended with a positive balance.
 - b. Basketball Camp is reported as a negative balance. Renee Waldron will look into this.

Correspondence

Director’s Report

1. Renee Waldron reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. The After School Program is continuing to increase. The average is around 60 students a day.
 - b. Renee Waldron is looking into possible shopping trips for seniors.
 - c. The Halloween Laser Light Show was successful.
 - d. The commission discussed extending the Father Daughter dance to the 5th and 6th graders. Possible venue locations were also discussed to accommodate for the additional guests.
 - e. Haunted Happenings and the NYC trip sold out of tickets.

Old Business

1. Park Committee Report
 - a. The swings at the River Mill Village Playground have been installed. A playscape has been ordered and delivered and is in the process of being installed.
 - b. The fencing at Riverside Park was fixed prior to Community Day.
2. The commission has still not heard back from the Board of Selectmen regarding holiday pay for part time town employees. The commission will send the previously written letter to the Board of Selectmen again.
3. Renee Waldron has received the policies regarding smoking in public parks from the surrounding towns.
4. Stephen Bordua and Renee Waldron met with the First Selectman Paul Lenky and the Chairman of the Board of Education Bill Witkowski as well as the business Manager Neil Breen and the financial director Orla Raftery to discuss the additional fees the school is charging the Recreation Department for use of the school. The Board of Education feels that since their budget was not supported, they need to find ways make up the difference. The Recreation Commission is interested in how much their programs

actually cost the school.

New Business

1. The 2016 meeting dates of the Recreation Commission were decided on.

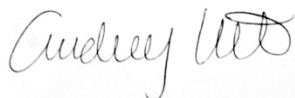
Citizens' Comments

Announcements

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.



Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary