

**Recreation and Community Activities Committee Regular
Meeting 7:30 PM, July 28, 2011
Hampton Community Center**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 PM by Chair Troy Lake

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: Troy Lake, Mark Davis, Laura Petix, Gay Wagner, Juan Arriola, Ed Burchfield, Gordon Hansen, Dan Meade

ABSENT: Tara Murphy, Matt LaFontaine, Kaye Johnson, Charles Young.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Dan Meade seated for Kaye Johnson **MOTION CARRIED, ONE ABSTENTION** (Burchfield).

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: Kathi Newcombe updated the Commission on the Blood Drive - They have enough volunteers and now are just looking for donors.

Kathi Newcombe also presented a report on the Community Calendar, begun years ago by the Little River Grange as a community service and fundraiser. Various groups have produced the calendar in recent years since the Grange chapter dissolved. Kathi reported that the Gazette has decided not to continue to produce the calendar and asked if the Rec Commission would consider taking it on. Typically \$600 is made from 100 or so calendar sales. The project requires receiving and recording community members' birthdays, anniversaries, etc, selling ads ((ads cover printing costs), and then selling calendars. Kathi's experience indicates the best market for the calendar are the 250 or so residents who request and receive hard copy of the Gazette.

MOTION made and seconded to add calendar to agenda (New Business) for further discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **MOTION** to table minutes until next meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tabled until next regular meeting due to treasurer's absence

COMMUNICATIONS:

Email to Town Clerk requesting continuation of yoga classes

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Playscape – Rec**-contribution toward playscape project (\$5000) is now in a separate savings account. Gay Wagner has volunteered to write grants seeking additional funding. The ad hoc committee coordinated by Sandra Frizzell of Early Childhood Council is interviewing playground experts and vendors but has made no decisions.
2. **Windham Concert Band Concert**, July 7 – about 100 people attended and \$92 in donations was collected toward the \$600 costs (band fee, ad costs), The band would like to make Hampton an annual venue. In future band members should park behind Town Hall so as not to take up most of the parking concert goers need.
3. **Blood Drive – August 2, 1-6 PM**, Scotland Firehouse on Brook Rd. Volunteer committee in position, calls being made for donors
4. **CT Tellabration** - \$300 fee due first week in August. Event will be in November. Tellabration allows venues to charge \$5 admission.
5. **Shakespeare – Flock Theatre, A Comedy of Errors**, August 27, 7 PM, lawn beside Community Center. Troy Lake will coordinate arrangements. Gay Wagner will coordinate publicity. Voluntary donations will be collected onsite. Commission members were asked to call two donors each, from the list of last year's donors, which Gay will email to Commissioners. \$70 has been received to date against a performance fee of \$1000.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion of 2011-12 program funding** – tabled to a future meeting **MOTION CARRIED**
2. **Discussion of new Rec Commission members** – guest Perry Matchinis was introduced concerning his interest in joining the Commission. Angelika Hansen has volunteered previously to serve. Motion made, seconded and approved to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen proposing these two Hampton electors for appointment as alternates, to replace our two alternates who would like to retire from their positions.
3. **Skating Rink, Laura Petix** – Motion to table for a future meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Facebook page for the Rec Commission.** Facebook seems to be the preferred means of communication for Hampton's young families, and a presence on Facebook would improve our ability to get info to this audience. Troy Lake and Gay Wagner will work up a proposal for a future meeting. Item tabled, **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Fall Activities** – Mark Davis distributed a list of fall concerts booked for the Little River Concert series. The traditional date for the pumpkin carving may need to change or find a new chairperson, since Laura Petix will be away on Halloween weekend.

6. **Community Calendar** – Gay Wagner suggested that a necessary first step to taking on this activity would be a Commission member volunteering to chair it. No one volunteered.

Audience for Citizens

None

Adjournment

9:15 PM