

**DURHAM RECREATION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2008**

The Durham Recreation Committee met at Town Hall on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. Chairman Kate McLaughlin called the meeting to order @ 7:05.

Members present: Kate McLaughlin, Toby Bates, Chris Manemeit, Liz Cipollina, Cheryl Salva, Linda Handley, Ann Figoras, and Sherry Hill. Absent: Mike Doyle, Brendan O'Donnell (alternate), Karen Kean (alternate).

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

All Fall Recreation programs are going well. There are 54 girls and 108 boys registered for Rec Basketball as of October 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Sherry Hill would like to start a gymnastics program in the spring for six to 13 year olds. Eight week program, co-ed. District 13 is approved for liability for a program of this type under the town of Durham Recreation. The Cuginchaug cheerleaders are presently working with the instructor and Sherry Hill highly recommends this program. She will report back with more details at a future meeting.

A discussion concerning the proper terminology regarding the Holiday Tree Lighting commenced. Many members would like to return to calling it the Christmas Tree Lighting. The discussion was tabled for now.

Halloween Parade plans were finalized. Sherry Hill has ordered a Moon Bounce for the event and CRHS Cheerleaders will assist with activities and will act as judges for the costume competition, to be overseen by members of the Durham Rec Committee. Liz Cipollina will provide supplies for cookie decorating, Sherry Hill will secure additional refreshments, and all members had great suggestions for games and activities. Toby Bates will construct a pumpkin bean-bag toss. Committee members will meet at Brewster School @ 9:30AM on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The festivities will commence @11AM.

The sign stating rules for Allyn Brook Park awaits CIRMA approval. Then on to the Board of Selectmen for approval. The Recreation Committee is anxious to install the sign.

A subcommittee was formed to address the issue of hiking and bike trails on open space property. This subcommittee will request to be put on the agenda of a future Conservation Committee meeting and attend in a fact-finding function, reporting back to The Recreation Committee at a future meeting. Kate McLaughlin will seek maps of both Allyn Brook Park and open space property. She also pointed out that use of open space is limited to "passive activity" or activities not involving motorized vehicles.

Sherry Hill will attend the Connecticut Recreation Conference on November 24 and 25. Her focus will be on seminars on Open Space Grants and Hiking and Biking.

Ann Figoras has procured a bunny costume for our use at future events.

We adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Our next meeting will be November 19th at Town Hall @ 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth S. Cipollina, Secretary