

RECREATION COMMITTEE

On January 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm the Durham Recreation Committee met at the Durham Activity Center.

Members Present: Sharon Criscuolo (Vice Chair) Sherry Hill (Director) Eric Francis, Lisa Szymaszek, Jill Francis, Mike Bertrand.

Call to Order 7:07

Approval of Agenda 6-0

Eric Francis reads minutes of November 2014. Mike Bertrand motions to approve the minutes. Sharon Criscuolo seconds. Motion approved 6-0.

Public Comments-none

Committee Reports-Eric Francis on Men's Basketball. The league has 8 teams and is made up of mostly Durham and Middlefield Residents. The league must leave the gym no later than 9:30 pm or a charge will be assed to the town of Durham. Men's league meets at Strong School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with game times of 6:15, 7:15, and 8:15.

Director Report on Programs. All programs are doing very well. Hip Hop was a great class for the children. The class was held at the Durham Activity Center. Due to the noise and shaking of the building the class will hold its next session at Brewster School. Get Stitchy program for youths and doing great. The group will make a quilt to be entered at the Durham Fair. Yoga classes are also doing well with a nice attendance. The Durham Recreation Tree lighting had a new date, new tree, and white colored lights. We had a great turn out for the tree lighting that was co-sponsored by RLI Electrical Contractors of Durham. The Blizzard Cup cake contest had 6 entries. Santa and gingerbread houses were well attended. The youth basketball program is up and running, grades from k-9 attend the program. All schools are used for practices and games. Women's Basketball meets on Mondays at Strong School. All gym time at all the schools is used by Middlefield Recreation, Durham Recreation, and the Cuginchaug Travel basketball League.

Durham Recreation Budget was approved 6-0. The Recreation director, Finance director, and Tech Coordinator are looking into programs so that residents can register and pay on line for all Recreation Programs.

New Business

Lisa Szymaszek spoke about a community day that all the clubs and sports groups can come together at the Activity Center for information on their club or sport. The Committee thought that this was a nice idea but date and time was a concern. Eric Frances recommended that we ask the clubs what would work for them. Director Sherry Hill mentioned that we would get to many requests and would like to pick a date and see who could attend. Date and time to be voted on at next meeting. Lisa also brought up a parents request for a hang out area for the grades 6-10. Jill Frances mentioned that the age group is not a good one. 6, 7, 8, grade does not mix well with 9-10. All agreed. Program suggestions for the older age 9-10, dance at the activity center or game night. Committee tabled further discussion on this program for the 9-10 grades.

Next meeting February 18th 2015

Sharon Criscuolo motions to adjourn

Lisa Szymaszek seconds. Motion passes 6-0

Adjournment 8:30pm