

FITZWILLIAM RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 11, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheena Royce, Bonnie Jones, Bruce Lafond, Catie Bisson, Christi Filipi, and Cindi Beede.

Mrs. Bisson convened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Bill Brown was present as an interested party and possible future Recreation Commission Alternate.

1. Marie Knowlton was in attendance to propose the idea of pickleball to the Fitzwilliam Community. She is an avid player and would be willing to offer instruction. She gave a brief description of the game, rules, and needed materials. She explained it could be played indoors or outdoors. A tennis court could be modified (chalk lines or tape) to play multiple games at a time. The Commission thought it was a good idea and Mrs. Beede said she would post the opportunity on Facebook to see if there was enough interest in town. Ms. Knowlton offered her contact info. Mrs. Beede will let her know what happens and then plans for days/times can be determined. The Recreation Department is willing to purchase a few paddles and balls to being programming if it seems viable.
2. Spooktacular: After much discussion the Friends of the Library and Recreation Department decided to work together to host the Spooktacular Fall Fest and CW5K on Saturday, October 21st. The race will be in the morning. The kid's Monster Mile will start at 8:30 and the 5k will follow at 9:15. Pumpkins will be awarded to kids who participate in the Monster Mile. A station to paint the pumpkins will occur at the finish line in anticipation of the 5K finishers. Costumes for both races will be encouraged. Prizes for top finishers and costume categories will be awarded. After the race, (10 am) community members will meander to the Library lawn and Common for Spooktacular Fall Fest activities and crafts. Specifics have yet to be determined. Festivities will end by 12:00pm. Mrs. Beede will fill out the proper paperwork to use Emerson School's multipurpose room for registration.
3. Ski Trails: Letters have gone out to landowners whose properties include the Fitzwilliam Ski Trails. Two landowners have expressed interest in meeting with the Recreation Department to determine the future maintenance of the trail. Owners must consent before any work is done on this land. Mrs. Filipi suggested that the Selectmen were present to help answer any legal questions the landowners may have (specifically in regards to liability) if/when such a meeting takes place. All members agreed.
4. Soccer: An ad has been placed in the newsletter for a soccer coordinator. Mrs. Beede also contacted a former applicant to let her know that the position was posted. The Commission discussed purchasing new goals. Mrs. Beede has researched new goals, but will also reach out to the Athletic Director at Monadnock for some guidance before purchasing.

Mr. Lafond made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. The motion passed 6-0.