

**TOWN OF NEWTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 15, 2014  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on January 15, 2014 by Chairman Frank Sebastiano.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**Present Members:** Hank Smith, Ludmilla Mecaj, Frank Sebastiano, Mike Teets

**EXCUSED:** Rufus Coward, Dawn Hankinson

**Also Present:** Kerry Deckert, Recreation Supervisor, Suzie Givone Recreation Secretary

**Approval of Minutes**

**Ms. Mecaj made a motion to approve the January 15, 2014 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.** The minutes were approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Frank stated the Senior Dinner in December went well. The Sing-Along was well received. The feedback regarding the food was largely positive. It was a bit disorganized at the start but it all worked out fine.

Kerry thanked everyone for their help with the Tree Lighting.

Garrett Vanni along with his family was awarded a gift certificate to Applebee's for the best decorated house in town.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Easter Egg Hunt will be April 12, 2014 at Memory Park. Start time will be 9:30. Rain date will be April 19, 2014.

Spring Senior Dinner is set for Sunday, March 30, 2014 beginning at 12 Noon. Ludmilla will contact Dominick's for catering. Rec Commission will meet there at 11:30 to set up. We will provide the table cloths. Suzie will reserve the cafeteria and coordinate with Mr. Tasker for the tickets for the Spring Musical for the seniors.

Newton Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2014. It was discussed that the winner of the poster contest will be announced that day. Kerry will do a flyer. Ludmilla will reach out to the schools to get them involved.

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**REORGANIZATION**

Ludmilla Mecaj and Frank Sebastiano were the two candidates for interested in Chairman for the 2014 Recreation Commission.

After a vote by ballet, Frank Sebastiano will be the Chairman for 2014.

With no one volunteering for Vice-Chairman, Kerry asked Ludmilla if she would like to be Vice-Chair. She said stated: Yes.

Ludmilla Mecaj will be Vice Chairman for 2014.

**Election of Event Chairs**

Battle of the Bands: Frank Sebastiano. Frank will report back at the next meeting if this is something that will be feasible. It was discussed that we change the name to a musical festival or a jam session. Kerry suggested we could make it a pool event for the month of August.

Miss Newton: Ludmilla Mecaj. PSS has been contacted to see if we can use their facility either on Friday, June 6 or Friday June 13. Ludmilla and Suzie will work together on trying to obtain the scholarship with the help of PSS.

Halloween Event: Mike Teets

Newton Day: Frank Sebastiano will try to attend the Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Summer activities in the park: Open

Discussion ensued on the Halloween Event. Kerry and Mike will work together to incorporate a Family Walk/5K, trick or treating on Spring Street and the Halloween Parade with the Fire Department. The goal is to make it a town-wide event. Kerry and Mike will also work with Gina Thompson on marketing the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Teets made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous "aye" vote.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 19, at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Suzie Givone  
Secretary Recreation Commission