

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2011
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on November 16, 2011.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT was read by Chairman Don Meng.

Present Members: Don Meng, Hank Smith, John Selitto, Jim Schmitt, Ludmilla Mecaj, Frank Sebastiano

Approval of October 19, 2011 minutes. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

The Senior Luncheon will be Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 12:30 PM. Ms. Givone will coordinate with all the appropriate people at Newton High School. Commission members will pick up the food from Hayek's and the cake will come from COSCO. Ms. Givone will get 20 table cloths. All Rec. members plan to be present.

Names of students from the Newton High School who would like to attend the monthly Recreation meetings are needed.

NEWS BUSINESS

Scott Schlereth, President, NJAL was scheduled for the meeting but did not show up to give his presentation on the NJAL programs. Plan to have Scott review programs for the February meeting.

Battle of the Bands: Frank Sebastiano stated he would like to have the event in May of 2012 at the Newton Theatre. He will get back to the Commission with the exact location, date and time. Don Meng will talk to the Newton Theatre and report back at the January meeting.

2012 Newton Day will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Miss Newton contest was discussed. A new location needs to be picked. The Newton Theatre was an idea. Don Meng will talk to Newton Theatre.

Miss Newton is scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2012 5:30 PM to ?

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Don Meng brought up the idea of having a Poster Contest. The Judging will be held in March, 2012 and the theme will be "Why I Love Newton. Don would like to give prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. A gift certificate from one of the local businesses was discussed.

Don Meng would like to hold a meeting with the NJAL to discuss background checks. He will reach out to the NJAL President, Scott Schlereth to coordinate this.

Tentative meeting dates:

Swim Team, January 18, 2012

NJAL Teams, February 15, 2012

Soccer Teams, March 14, 2010

Christmas Caroling on Spring Street will be Friday, December 16, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The following business will be attending: Spring Street Group, GNCC, NJ Herald, seniors, church groups. We will be meeting on the Newton Green.

OPEN FORUM

Talk about next year's Easter Egg Hunt, Date and Time.

The Commission discussed the idea of having Brock and Kenny attend their meetings every few months to keep them up to date with happenings in the parks.

Mr. Selitto handed in his Letter of Resignation effective November 16, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Selitto and seconded by Mr. Sebastiano. The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous "aye" vote.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on January 18, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Town's conference center.

No December meeting. (Come to the Tree Lighting 6 PM Town Hall).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Recreation Commission