Newport Rec Committee Meeting Notes - 9/18/25

-Meeting called to order at 5:32.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for June and August reviewed. Carter motioned to approve the minutes for both months. Kelly seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Monthly Fundraising Update

No update for this month.

Program & Event Debriefs

Coin Drop: $1,672.96 raised! For next time, get a container that is not transparent and has a lid.

Program & Event Planning Discussion

Pumpkinpalooza - Pumpkin Pick Up is October 18th from 10am-noon in Gardner Park. Kyle and John will be present for hand out. Entry forms will be handed out with pumpkins. The Pumpkinpalooza event will happen on October 25th from 1pm-3pm. Carter, Jamie, Kelly, & Mike will be present. Events include trick-or-treating (trunk-or-treat style) in the municipal building parking lot, judging of the pumpkins, and a costume procession up Main Street. The Rec Committee plans to provide cider. Kelly will contact Burt's Orchard to try to arrange pick up.

Kidicle Mass Ride - Sunday, September 21 noon-1:30ish — Starts at the yurt at Memphremagog Trails, ends at Prouty Beach for ice cream, and then returns to Memphremagog Trails

Updates from Parks & Recreation

Fall Fest is happening next weekend (Chili Fest!). There are at least 15 entries this year. The Newport Area Band is playing at 11:00 followed by a DJ. The Cars of Yesteryear will be lined up on Main Street, which will be closed down.

Future Brainstorming for Major Projects

We will take some time, as a committee, after Pumpkinpalooza and before planning begins for our spring dances, to brainstorm ideas for our next major project now that the playground is complete. We may invite Mayor Rick Ufford-Chase into that process.

Other Opportunities

John has funding for several projects that could be collaborative between MCM, Parks & Rec, and others. John & Mike will stay in contact, and Mike will also send John the names of local artists who have been involved with the Tiny Art projects in Newport to see if they could be helpful.

Next Meeting

Proposed for Wednesday, October 15th — will confirm with Jen

-Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Submitted by Kyle Chadburn