

## Newport Recreation Committee

### Minutes March 15, 2024

**Present:** Jaime Comtois, Jennifer Smith, Kelli Rhodes, Matt Kiley, Carter Finegan, Susan Kiley, Mike Brown

**Absent:** Sean Pilker, Colleen Cole, Aaliyah Wilburn

Called to Order at 5:37 pm

**Members of the Public:** Patrick Finn, Felicia Updyke, Jonathan DeLabuere

February Minutes Approved as submitted

**Comments from the public:** None

**Monthly Fundraising:** Bottle Drive \$62.50, Online donations \$68

#### Program and Events

Ice Out - Clock vandalized sometime during the night of March 8/9. Winner determined at time clock was found. Total tickets sold (777), Gross receipts \$1,677. \$838.50 awarded to Sabina El-Ghazzawy. Discussion on how to avoid, deter future vandalism. Mike to install trail camera with sign

Mother/Son Dance - Grossed \$1620. Total expenses \$1294.98 net profit \$336.98

Father/Daughter Dance – Better attendance than Mother/Son dance. Profits to Rec Dept. Discussion of best time of year for dances. Local businessman wants to donate door prize

Bike Safety Rodeo – 10a-1p Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Carter reported preparation is going well. Liam Gammon to replace Bevin Campbell. Adding adaptive sports trailer, three smoothie bikes, Green Mountain Farm to school booth, NEKCA booth. Dept of Health to bring their Safety Day scheduled for Gardner Park the same day to site of Bike Rodeo. Sheriff's Dept to offer child car seat inspection. Matt to contact Fire Dept to bring an engine and demo safety. E-bike demonstration. Mike to contact Police Dept

#### Fundraising Projects

Red Sox / Yankee Ticket Raffle Mike Brown delivered raffle tickets and posters. Decided to wait until April meeting to distribute to committee members and May 1 to distribute to stores and restaurants. Discussion of whether to offer prize to highest ticket seller. Matt to discuss with last year's vendors. Vendors to include: Millers Pub, T-Bar, Pie and Pasta, Troy General Store, Industrial Cigar, Eden Cider. Winner to be drawn at 8:30 in Gardner Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

#### Park and Recreation Dept. Updates:

New playground and Splash Pad - New playground equipment has been ordered with delivery in June. Engineering firm to start in April with soil samples. Highway Dept. to remediate contaminated soil during the summer. Estimate of 10-16 weeks to complete. Splash pad to be ordered early summer.

Skate Shack has been remodeled inside. ADA bathrooms and exterior rehab to follow. No concession stand will be added

**Member Recruitment:** Nick Whitehouse has resigned. Colleen Cole has been added. Jaime to talk to Sean Pilker

**Next Meeting:** April 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

**Adjourned at** 6:47