

Atkinson Recreation Commission

Minutes - Monthly meeting

Thursday, January 18 , 2024, 7:00 pm at Atkinson Community Center

Attendance: Steve, Jim, Traci, Cris, Tricia, Noriko, Bob, Jason

Absent: Dave

1. Approval of minutes – November meeting minutes - Approved
2. Programs / events / donation Report.
 - Tree lighting - Sun. 11/26 5 pm. The mild weather brought many people. The tree and other area in the common were decorated beautifully. Thanks to Atkinson Fire Department for helping to place the lights on the tree.
 - Santa for Senior gift giving project – supported 34 seniors- 18 from Meals on Wheels program and 16 from Elder Services. Gifts were donated from the Atkinson community, collected over 100 gift cards \$10 ~ \$100, over 200 gift items chocolates, socks, toiletries, books, puzzles, blankets, etc.
 - Senior luncheon – over 80 seniors attended. Turkey dinner catered by the Ober Easy Diner in Hampstead. Visited by Santa. Physical Therapist / Selectman Worden spoke about the 'Fall Prevention' for upcoming winter season.
3. Upcoming activities / Events
 - Senior Winter Luncheon 1/31/24
 - Winter Wellness Challenge
 - School Vacation Program
 - Atkinson 5K by Atkinson Women's civic club and Atkinson Day event: 09/07/2024
Police Chief approved / Noriko spoke w/ Civic club proposed race route through Settlers Ridge
 - Ice Land Trip by Collet Travel 10/31/24 ~ 11/6/24
4. Parks and fields
 - Closed till April - DPW to lock Tennis court
5. Sun ' N Fun
 - Dissolve sun & fun and start camp partnership with Kingston summer camp.
Noriko working on it / survey to follow.
6. Community Center
 - Grant application for community development finance authority – Waiting to hear back
7. 2024 Budget and Warrant article – approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee
 - Woodlock park maintenance additional fees were removed.
 - Baseball field 1 – replace homebase fence \$3500 – will be done by DPW
 - Basketball resurface/repaint – postpone till next year.
 - Playground – postings replacement, shade unit replacement, ground covering – by budget
 - Citizens petition no moving forwards due to NH RSA

- Collins Park bathroom & water update – postponed till next year. Need some fundraisers.

8. Atkinson Days 9/7/2024

- Schedule events and setting up 5K, touch a truck, food trucks etc.
- Committee – reach out to local non-profit sports and charitable group – Cris to email the invitation.
- The first kick off meeting is scheduled on Thur. 2/15 6 pm at the community center.

9. New Business

- Atkinson Recreation mater plans / Atkinson Capital improvement plan and fundraiser idea
- Woodlock Park paving & basketball court.
- Collins Park – ACA accessible bathroom

10. Other

Jason is resigning from the secretary position due to another commitment.

Vote of new secretary – James Pickering nominated. Motion by Cris 2nd by Jason. Unanimous vote

James Pickering will be serving as our Secretary position.

Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 15, 2024, 6pm at Atkinson Community Center

Meeting Adjourned 8:26PM