

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
10/21/20

Attending: Andrea Ernst (AE), Amy Lombardo (AL), Sarah MacColl (SM), Jon Mortimer (JM), Jill Palmore (JP) and Terri Patterson (TP), and Tara Simopoulos (TS)

Absent: None

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm - Kathy Raftice updated the committee:

Public Comment - None

Correspondence – None

CECS Updates

Youth

KR provided update on Halloween Candyland registration. Opened this morning at 8:00 am and it is now full. 55 Adults/127 Children. Every town department providing vehicles and decorating the back lot. CECS will be giving a basketball to all children. Decorating the candy land walkway. SM asked about providing chalk so kids can draw on the lot. KR explained numbers restricted for time frames we have allocated and vehicles. TP asked if families parking in staff lot. Yes, and we had registration through Sign up Genius. TP asked how quickly it filled. KR shared filled in two hours. CECS staff excited and looking to do community events whenever possible. TP- do you need volunteers? KR, not this time but thank you. KR thanked Tara for our ad in Cape Courier. Programs are limited however Susan Frost, Youth Coordinator being very creative. One of our new programs will be: Ice Fishing, X-Country Skiing, and Ice Rink somewhere in town. If committee has any ideas? AL, is there any opportunity for open gyms. KR explained gyms in use, Pond Cove may become available however size can be prohibitive. School working with us but restrictive. AL shared how important exercise and interaction so important for the kids. If school not in session should be available. AL shared she had heard potential for schools closed between Thanksgiving and New Year. Susan Frost had X-Country meet at Fort Williams last week and today at Gull Crest. High School team practicing so they will stay and cheer kids on. Hybrid learning explained. TP shared that kids love it and parents do as well. KR shared information about the Cares Act Grant we received.

Adults & Seniors

Movies for seniors, not big groups but they are starting to come back in. Jane doing a great job providing snacks and socialization opportunities. Offering an origami class tomorrow. Next Tuesday a woman who taught Italian for us is coming to talk about Italy and providing risotto. Creative different ways to bring them in. She is doing a great job. Registration opening Sunday at 8:00 pm. Adult classes still limited however those going are truly enjoying and we will continue. Classes scheduled through December. Space crunch inside with hybrid learning now in the building.

Pool & Fitness

Pool overall going well however some still not happy with the registering for lap swim. KR explained the entire process so committee can help with the support. If someone uncomfortable with 2 in a lane we can suspend their membership if requested. Swim lessons have begun. Locker rooms opened on Oct 1st. Waiting to see on swim teams. Complaint from participant would like the reservation of lanes be removed. SM asked that records be kept on those that no show without letting anyone know and asked that sanctioned in some way. AE asked if any talk on open swims in the winter. KR shared that CDC states no open swims at this time however we will be offering private lessons and may look to small open swims. TP explained how at her studio they had problems with no shows, they began charging those who did not show. Recognize a difference with memberships. Is there a way to have a wait list?

Fort Williams Update

KR shared the plan for music in the park, plans being worked out. 4-6 events in the park per summer, 1 night in the middle of the week, sound controlled. Master Plan Update in process. Compiling user group/stakeholders and scheduling meetings. Questionnaire being developed. TP shared she had been contacted and has been sending emails to neighborhood and other groups. When is the deadline for emails? KR asked that information be shared by end of next week. SM asked if neighborhood associations had been identified. KR shared we had some but if anyone had others please send the contact information to her. TS has some neighborhoods she will share information with. JP will send info to Stonegate neighborhood. TP shared something on Facebook about issue at the park in off leash area. KR clarified the issue. AL complimented the park, how it looked and how it is being run. Rangers are great! SM will send request for Women in Harmony.

Meeting adjourned 6:15 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 18th

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Raftice