

**COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
2ND FLOOR FOYER 7:05 P.M.
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Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.

Chairperson Clair called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Clair, Kelly DelGobbo, Chairperson Gloria Clair, Laurie Glasser, Bobbi Thompson, Sharon Valerio, and Colleen Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald Vallancourt, Fran Culver, and Joann Crandall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting – June 19, 2012.

Upon **MOTION** by Sharon Valerio, seconded by Kelly DelGobbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 regular meeting.

RECREATION

- *Recreation Coordinator's Report*

Ms. Clair was present to report that they had Rainbow Day Camp and it ran from July 9th thru August 17th. She also noted that she made a binder for Rainbow Day Camp in case she wasn't here and they would know how to run the camp, at which time she read each section of the book. Also, she handed in her report (see attached).

Mrs. DelGobbo commented that Ms. Clair is doing a great job.

Ms. Clair informed the commission members that she heard that Mr. Scully is leaving Scovill's and she will have to find out who will be running Scovill's next year.

She also mentioned that Mrs. Couture gave her a list of her suggestions regarding Rainbow Day Camp. She believes that the director should be involved when hiring the staff and have the director work a week before the camp starts, so they can have everything in order.

Chairperson Clair commented that they should not hire a person for a whole week; maybe 2 days before camp starts.

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Ms. Clair also said that Mrs. Couture would like to make it easier for them to have access to the Youth Center because they use it when it's hot and on rainy days. She noted that as far as Woodtick Recreation Area it went well. She also stated that the money went well until the last day but it was ok. She also mentioned that camp went a lot smoother.

Ms. Clair noted that at their last meeting she mentioned that they were going to have a karaoke night but the machine broke.

Ms. Thompson noted that said she has one. Also, Mrs. Valerio said she has one too.

Ms. Clair also mentioned that **Strikers Bowling League** is starting. She also stated that the flyers were sent out and it starts **October 6th through March 30th**. She also noted that she is still working on the staff. She also mentioned that some of the staff will be returning.

Chairperson Clair pointed out that Ms. Clair is going away on October 20th and she was wondering if some of the commission members could help out that day.

Ms. Clair also mentioned that they will be having **Autumn Dance on October 19th** and the flyers were sent out (see attached). She also asked the commission members if they would like to make refreshments. She noted that in the past the Columbiettes have done it, at which time the commission members said if they have been doing it then let them. She also mentioned that she will purchase some decorations for the party.

Mrs. Miller mentioned that her daughter has trophies that she would like to donate to the commission, at which time the commission said they could give them to the clients for the best dance.

The commission members had a brief discussion regarding how they could inform the people here in the Town of Wolcott that they are running a camp for these kids.

Mrs. Delgobbo pointed out if they have a dance in April that could speak about Rainbow Day Camp to see if they could get more participants to come.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Clair was present and stated that she wanted the members to have a copy of the expenditure report (see attached). She also informed the commission members that she had to do an annual report which she handed to the commission members (see attached). She also mentioned that the secretary was able to acquire bottled water from a local vendor who donated the water for Rainbow Day Camp. She also wanted to know what the date was for **Special Games** at which time the commission members said May **11, 2013**. She also noted that she would like the commission members to come up with some ideas regarding fund raisers for the George Lane Memorial Campership.

She next referenced Rainbow Day Camp and stated that she wants the commission to think about continuing the camp in the future. In the past she has been an opponent of stopping Rainbow Camp because of the liability. Having said that she received cards from the campers which she read into the record. She also noted that in the past the parents didn't send their kids to camp but this year they had new people.

Ms. Clair mentioned that they train their staff in CPR, First Aid, Abuse and Neglect, PMT.

Mrs. Valerio said it does make a difference with an adult there.

The commission members were wondering if they should have an open house.

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICITY

There were none.

ACCESSIBILITY

There were none.

TRANSPORTATION

There were none.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Thompson mentioned that she went to the Bristol of Arc and the food was good (see attached). She also noted that she gave them her e-mail address and they have been sending her events.

She also said that Faith McGurk is a retired Special Ed teacher in Wolcott. She noted that she is the Transitioning Coordinator for the kids to get jobs. She said she would like to come to speak to the commission. Ms. Clair said see if she would come to our October meeting at which time Ms. Thompson said ok.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Kelly DelGobbo, seconded by Colleen Miller, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

APPROVED:

Gloria Clair, Chairperson

Dolores Distiso Secretary