

**COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 P.M.
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MINUTES**

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 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gloria Clair, Laurie Glasser, Amanda Clair, Sharon Valerio, Colleen Miller, Donald Vallancourt, Kelly DelGobbo and Bobbi Thompson (arrived 7:20pm).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joann Crandall and Fran Culver

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting – September 17, 2013

Upon **MOTION** by Sharon Valerio, seconded by Kelly DelGobbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2013 regular meeting.

RECREATION

- *Recreation Coordinator's Report*

Amanda Clair was present to report the following:

- Dance

She informed the commission members that there will be a dance this Friday October 18th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Senior Center. Also, they will be providing pizza and beverages and the entrance fee is \$2.00. They will be having a large crowd.

- Bowling

She noted that bowling started October 5th and it continues every Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm until the end of March. She also indicated they have new bowlers. She also noted that they might have to hire two more people or see if anyone would like to volunteer.

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Mrs. DelGobbo pointed out that she published the Dance and Bowling in the Wolcott Community News.

- November

She informed the commission members that she is looking into Velocity Dance studio for fun, exercise and dance night. She noted that she doesn't have a date as of yet. She also said depending on how it goes this might be a routine event for them.

Mrs. Miller suggested that maybe they can do it before Thanksgiving and have everyone bring a donation.

- December

She informed the commission members that they will be having a **Winterball** on **December 13, 2013** at the **Senior Center from 5:30 to 8:30** and they would like them to dress to impress.

Mr. Vallancourt pointed out that he has to get the key from Donna Belval for the dance on Friday, at which time Mrs. Clair said she will get it.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Clair noted that she spoke with Mrs. Bruce regarding if she would attend one of their meetings and she said there was no reason for her to come and she indicated that there were no problems with Rainbow Day Camp and that she understands it is a 6 week program.

- Special Games

She noted that she set everything up with Mr. Pelletier for **Special Games** at Woodtick Recreation on **May 17, 2014**. She added that she didn't contact Frisbie School in case if it rains it would not work, so they will have to set a rain date.

She asked the commission members if they wanted to meet at the town hall for special games before their regular meeting or after their regular meeting or do they want to do it another night. After a brief discussion the commission decided that they will meet before or after their regular meeting. She added that they have to setup a subcommittee and decide on what they want to do and then they can go back to the other members to tell them what they decided.

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CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICITY

There was none.

ACCESSIBILITY

There were none.

TRANSPORTATION

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- George Lane Memorial Campership

Mrs. Miller informed the commission members that she had done some research regarding Camp Harkness and Camp Hemlock.

Camp Harkness is associated with Arc of New London County and Jen Hickey is the director. This past week the fee for an adult with special needs campers is \$845.00 per week. She also added that the fees for 2014 are not available as of yet.

She also added that she heard a rumor that a camp in the city is closing at which time Chairperson Clair said it is Camp Hemlock.

Mrs. Miller noted that it is associated with Easter Seals and there are a lot more steps involved in going to this camp. She stated that they must attend an open house and meet with the Director of the camp.

She noted that there are different categories:

- 1) Adult with physical disability and Adult with mental disability; the cost for one week is \$1,050.00.
- 2) For autism the cost for a week is \$1,350.00.
- 3) With this camp they have to fill out an application and they do accept certain scholarship.

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Mrs. Miller said she will confirm that it is correct that they are closing.

Amanda Clair pointed out that she just looked it up and they are prepared to close. She also mentioned that there is a Camp Horizon.

- Special Games

Chairperson Clair inquired if Mr. Vallancourt had an update regarding Special Games, at which time, Mr. Vallancourt said they were booked for that day and he gave him a couple of other names and places to call. He added that he has no fees on how much it would cost. He noted that he was interested in what they wanted to do.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Colleen Miller, seconded by Laurie Glasser, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:25pm.

APPROVED:

Gloria Clair, Chairperson

Dolores Distiso Secretary