

**COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015
WOLCOTT TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 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 6:30p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gloria Clair, Amanda Clair, Colleen Miller, Sarah Gerard, Sandy Amato, Bobbi Thompson (arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Laurie Glasser (arrived at 6:35 p.m.) and Kelly DelGobbo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald Vallancourt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting – October 20, 2015

Upon **MOTION** by Kelly DelGobbo, seconded by Sandy Amato, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the October 20, 2015 regular meeting.

RECREATION

- *Recreation Coordinator's Report*

Amanda Clair was present to report the following:

- **Bowling**

She noted that bowling is every Saturday and everything is going well. She added that they will be having their annual visit from Santa Claus on **December 19th** at the bowling alley.

- **Halloween Dance**

She noted that it went well, and they had a big turnout. Also, she wanted to thank everyone who came and helped out.

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- **Holiday Store**

She informed the commission members that they will have this event on **Sunday November 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Senior Center**. She explained that the individuals will have an opportunity to purchase small gifts for family and friends. Also, they will have a wrapping station and cookie decorating.

- **Annual Holiday Party**

She informed the commission members that their **Annual party** will be held on **Saturday December 12th at Wolcott Landowners which will start at 12:30**.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Clair was present to inform the commission that they need to put together their letters if they would like to be reappointed to the commission.

She also noted that she has an envelope for Mrs. Valerio that she will be pasting around.

She stated that she received a call from Mr. Brady regarding Knights of Columbus money which they didn't receive last year for Special Games. She explained to the commission that she had to sign a form which she did. She pointed out that she never filled out a form before and she asked several people different times and they said she didn't have to.

- **Bowl-A-Thon**

Chairperson Clair noted that she attended the first two meetings and the third one she didn't because she hurt her back. At which time, she turned it over to Mrs. Amato.

Mrs. Amato informed the commission that they are having the Bowl-A-thon on **January 23rd at the Wolcott Bowling Lanes**. She stated that she will make copies for everyone. She added that they will have sponsor banners that list all of the business. She noted that they have a form that they are going to use for the sponsors. Also, for the bowlers there will be \$25.00 entrance fees which include shoe rental and a tee shirt. Also, the tee shirts will have the

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entire sponsors on the back of it.

She also added that Mr. Rigsby wrote little verbiage about his mom. She also indicated that Mayor Dunn will attend. Also, they will have finger food and drinks. She noted that she thinks December 18th is the cutoff date for the forms. She noted that they will give flyers to Wolcott lanes and they will place it in the Wolcott Community News. Also, they will give some to other bowling alleys.

At which time, Chairperson Clair wanted to thank Mrs. Amato for all of her work.

Mrs. Amato added that the donations will be divided with the school and commission for special needs for events and programs.

Chairperson Clair inquired if there was another meeting setup, at which time Mrs. Amato replied **December 2nd at the Wolcott High School at 6:30.**

- Wolcott Lanes

Mrs. Miller advised the commission that there are two steps to the lanes and each step is approximately 3 inches. In theory for a wheelchair to be manually pushed up and down that should be 8 inches.

At which time, Mrs. Amato said she thought that they have one ramp and two where they put the ball on.

Mrs. Miler pointed out the night that she went there were kids working and she will have to talk to the owner. As far as the bathrooms it depends how wide the wheel chairs are and there are no grab bars in the stall.

Chairperson Clair informed the commission that she received their budget paperwork today. She added that she spoke to Mr. Vallancourt today about dates. She noted that she would like to do it before the holidays. She suggested that they should consider increasing the following:

- 1) Special Games
- 2) The check for Camp Harkness.

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Also she pointed out that minimum wages will be increasing in January and that will affect their bowlers and Rainbow Day Camp staff.

She advised the commission that their next meeting will be their Christmas Party and they will have a short meeting on December 15th.

She noted that January is their organizational meeting and following will be their first Special Games meeting. She noted that for the first meeting she will not invite all of the members. They will talk amongst themselves'.

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICITY

There were none.

ACCESSIBILITY

This was addressed already.

OLD BUSINESS

There was one.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Thompson advised the commission members she spoke with Ms. Garguilo who is interested in being on the commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Bobbi Thompson, seconded by Sandy Amato, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** at 6:55 pm.

APPROVED:

Gloria Clair, Chairperson

Dolores Distiso Secretary