

**COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015  
WOLCOTT TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR FOYER 7:00 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 7:00p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Gloria Clair, Vice Chairman Colleen Miller, Sharon Valerio, Amanda Clair, Sarah Gerard, Kelly Delgobbo and Bobbi Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fran Culver, Laurie Glasser, Sandy Amato and Donald Vallancourt

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Regular Meeting – May 19, 2015

Upon **MOTION** by Bobbi Thompson, seconded by Kelly DelGobbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2015 regular meeting.

**RECREATION**

- *Recreation Coordinator's Report*
- Rainbow Day Camp

Amanda Clair was present to report that Rainbow Day Camp is here again and it will run from July 6<sup>th</sup> thru August 14<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that the Wolcott Fair is a week later and the campers will be attending the fair on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>.

She noted that the interviews and the hiring are completed. She added that they have six returning staff and two who were previous volunteers and one who was previously staff member at bowling and one new hire.

She added that the introduction letter has been mailed out to the entire prospective campers, and they received 5 back so far.

She noted that Woodtick Recreation is all set. Also, the Youth Center will be used for rainy and hot days. Also, Kiwanis is for Fridays and it is all set. She also added that the only thing that she needs is the insurance certificate, which they will obtain after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

She noted that Pats IGA has been setup for supplies that they will need.

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She noted that the staff's training day is taking place on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Arc of Southington. She inquired if anyone would be interested in teaching the lifting techniques, at which time Mrs. Miller said she will do it.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairperson Clair was present to report that she contacted Mr. Russell about having a tag sale with him the same day as his rib roast at Peterson Park.

She stated that he wanted something in writing, which she sent out. She added that the date will be September 19<sup>th</sup>, if he allows them to do it. She added that they will still have a tag sale no matter what in September.

- East Street Eatery

She informed the commission that they booked their ziti dinner for October 15<sup>th</sup> and she will have tickets in September.

She noted that they need a small committee to oversee Rainbow Day Camp, at which time Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Delgobbo said they would do it.

Chairperson Clair informed the commission that she was contacted by Sean Rigsby who wants to organize a fundraiser. She added that his mother was involved with special needs students and he really wants to do something to give back to the community. She noted that she has spoken to him a couple of times.

She stated that he is going to write a check for \$1,000.00. She said the only problem he has is he's not really sure what he wants to do with the money, which creates a problem because if he is going to use the money for something in the schools then they can only help him. She noted that he contacted Mr. Macary. She added that she will be meeting with Mr. Macary, Mr. Rigsby and anyone else who would like to come to discuss details.

- Special Games

Chairperson Clair noted that they have to decide on a date for the 2016 Special Games. After a brief discussion, the commission decided on **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**.

Chairperson Clair mentioned that in lieu of flowers for her mother in law passing away, they asked for donations, which they received a small amount of money. She informed the commission that she is going to establish an account. She suggested that they maybe they can place a memorial bench either at the Walking

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Trail or Woodtick Recreational Area.

Chairperson Clair stated that she spoke to Mr. Macary earlier this year about the bathrooms and they decided to do an ADA audit, at which time she handed out a sheet to the commission members and they had a brief discussion on the issues at the schools in Wolcott (see attached). She also added that these issues will be addressed this summer.

**CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICITY**

Chairperson Clair mentioned that she has correspondence from Mr. Mackie thanking them for inviting him back to Special Games.

She also indicated that she received an e-mail from Catherina Carlette who is a business owner in Southington, and also works part time with the State of Connecticut Behavioral Health Department with Autistic special needs children. She explained that Ms. Carlette brought one of the special needs girls which she has been working with for 2 years to this program and her family signed her up not knowing how she would respond but she loved it. She was wondering if she could offer this program Dancercise and soccer. She also noted that it is a six week program and the cost is \$125.00.

The commission had a brief discussion and they inquired if Chairperson Clair could ask Ms. Carlette who would be running the program and what type of insurance coverage would there be.

She also mentioned that Mike Febrillo's family wanted to thank them for honoring them at the Wolcott Special Games and for their plaque.

Also, she received a thank you note from Kathy George regarding how they honored Mike Febrillo.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Special Games

Chairperson Clair stated that she wanted to make the commission members aware of the expenditures and donations for Special Games, at which time she

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handed them an outline sheet. (see attached).

She pointed out that they didn't received anything for the tootsie rolls, at which time Mrs. Valerio suggested that she could call them and say they are closing out their year and wanted to know if they were going to do anything.

Also, Mrs. Valerio suggested that the secretary could make labels for all of the thank notes that are sent out every year.

She also inquired if you could look for other opinions regarding french fries because the cost was high.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- July and August Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Bobbi Thompson, seconded by Kelly DelGobbo, it was unanimously voted to not meet in July & August.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon **MOTION** by Bobbi Thompson, seconded by Sharon Valerio, it was unanimously voted to enter into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, with Gloria Clair, Amanda Clair, Kelly Delgobbo, Bobbi Thompson, Colleen Miller, Sarah Gerard and Sharon Valerio in attendance.

Chairperson Clair called the meeting back order at 8:11p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon **MOTION** by Bobbi Thompson, seconded by Amanda Clair, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

**APPROVED:**

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Gloria Clair, Chairperson

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Dolores Distiso Secretary