

**DURHAM PARK AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18 2005**

**Attendance:**

**Bonnie Arcari, Diana Dahlman, Sherry Hill, Linda Handley, Karen Kean, Kate McLaughlin, and Charlie Brey.**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by chairperson Karen Kean.**

**The minutes from September 13 were read by Karen Kean and accepted.**

**The Halloween Parade will be held at Brewster School on Saturday October 29th. All available members should arrive at Brewster school at 2:30 pm for setup. Music will be provide by a CD player (sherry). Candy, Table Cloth, Donuts and Cider (kate). New this year for judging will be that all who participate in costume at the parade will receive an orange ribbon and a Halloween reflector. There will be no place ribbons this year. All who would like to participate for the Best costume may enter this category. There will be a trophy for best decorated Pumpkin. Parade will start a 3:00 pm.**

**Guest Rett Mancenelli director of the Durham Middlefield Travel Basketball program came to the meeting with up dates and concerns of future gym use by the Travel League. The Travel program for the year 2005-06 will be sponsored by Durham Recreation. Sherry will help with scheduling needs. She will contact Ted Lombardo Athletic Director at Coginchaug High School to set up a meeting for Winter Gym use at Coginchaug High School. Bonnie Arcari asked if there is a master schedule for winter gym use. Sherry will meet with Ted on this issue. The Travel Basketball program will be private organization starting in the winter of 2006-07. Sherry will still help out with gym scheduling for Travel basketball when it becomes a private organization.**

**Bonnie Acarie had thoughts on a Town Recreation Survey. Bonnie had to leave, The discussion on the Recreation Survey will be tabled for the next agenda in November.**

**The Holiday Tree Gathering will be December 3 at 4:00 on the town green all members can meet at 3:15 for set-up and short meeting. The Durham Recreation Committee will be collecting coats again this year. All coats should be brought to the green the day of the tree lighting. The charity has not yet been chosen to receive the coats at this time. Santa is in the works!**

**The Town Times reported that the September 11 gathering on the green was not sponsored by Durham Recreation. The gathering on the green for September 11 is still under sponsorship of the Durham Recreation Committee. The gathering for September 11 on the green for 2006 will be discussed at a later meeting, concerning the continued sponsorship of the September 11 gathering.**

**All fall programs are doing well. Women's volleyball has 54 registered to play. They are having a great time. Adult Evening exercise class taught by instructor Sue Schade meets at Brewster School on Monday and**

**Wednesday evening at 7:00 and has 23 registered for the 1st session. All are welcome to register for exercise class at anytime. The children's karate class has 24 registered. The travel basketball program has seven teams. Men's open gym basketball begins November 1st at Strong School. Last registration date for youth Recreation Basketball will be November 3rd at the Durham Library at 6-8 pm.**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:35 pm by Karen Kean and seconded by Kate McLaughlin.**

**Respectfully submitted  
Sherry Hill**

**cc. Laura Francis, Town Clerk**

**The minutes, although submitted to the town, have not been approved by the recreation committee and may be amended prior to approval.**