

**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
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**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**  
**MAY 16, 2007**  
**MINUTES**

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The Recreation Committee met at the Durham Town Hall, 30 Town House Road on Wednesday May 16, 2007. Co- Chairman Kate McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Karen Kean, Linda Handley, Cheryl Salva, Joan Bowe, Ann Figoras, Sherry Hill.

**Members Absent:** Carol Herzig, Charlie Bray

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Approval of the April 4<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved and accepted. The Recreation Committee welcomes Ann Figoras back to the Recreation Committee. The review of the Easter Egg Hunt went as follows: The hunt went well, with more advertisement needed for the other special events: The Hat Decorating, and Egg Decorating contests.

Next on the Agenda were the concerns over the use of Allyn Brook Park for private parties. Sherry Hill presented the commission a copy of the ordinance establishing rules of conduct for the use of Allyn Brook Park. All members were to take home the ordinance to review and bring back suggestions for up-dating the ordinance for the park. Also discussed was a Registration Form for parties to register for park use, Insurance, Safety, and Park Maintenance.

Sherry Hill informed the committee that the registration for the playground is up to 139 children, with registration for all programs still on going. Karen Kean announced that 2 concerts have been planned. The first concert will feature Dean Coutsouridis with his band the Blues to play at Allyn Brook Park June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. The second band scheduled to play will be the Shoreline Connection on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Allyn Brook Park also at 7:00p.m. Karen Kean would like to see a concert at Allyn Brook Park on Memorial Day during the road race. The committee will look into the possibilities of this happening for the year 2008. Karen Kean also would like to have Brian Russell play at Allyn Brook Park one evening. The committee will wait to book any more concerts until the town budget has passed.

Joan Bowe and Sherry Hill went to North Madison on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> to look at a possible new program for young children to participate in. The program is a music program called Teddy Bear Rhythms. Sherry Hill will check the Durham Library for a possible place to hold the program. The program if approved will start in September or October of 2007. Joan Bowe explained the program to the committee members. All members thought that the new program would be fun. Other thoughts for new programs would be a cooking class, sewing class, and woodworking. Joan Bowe added that the youth between the ages of 11-15 who are not interested in sports should have another opportunity to participate in a summer program.

The September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremonies on the green will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The next Recreation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at the Durham Library

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Sherry Hill, Durham Recreation Director