

**DURHAM RECREATION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21st 2009**

The Durham Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, October 21st, 2009 at the Durham Town Hall.

Members present: Liz Cipollina, Mark Dionne, Cheryl Salva, Toby Bates, Linda Handley, and Kate McLaughlin.

Sherry Hill, Recreation Director, was also present.

Members absent: Karen Keane (alternate), Brendan O'Connell (alternate), Chris Manemeit, Mike Doyle, Ann Figoras.

Kate Mc Laughlin called the meeting to order @ 7:05 PM. The minutes were read and approved.

Sherry Hill reported that the Mohegan Sun Casino Trip, Saturday, Nov. 21st, has been announced and there has been good response so far. Twenty to thirty more people are needed to sign up.

Laura Francis has been posting Park and Rec activities on Face Book, which is helping to spread the word about all the great activities upcoming. Thanks to Laura!

Youth Basketball registration has started and the rosters are filling.

Sherry Hill will again attend an annual Parks and Recreation conference in Connecticut on November 23rd and 24th. She will focus on workshops and presentations regarding hiking and biking trails, grants, and program development.

A brief site walk took place at the Howd Road open space property. The possibility of public use of the property – hiking and walking trails – was discussed. Toby Bates and Cheryl Salva offered to research this subject further and approach the Conservation Committee with a few thoughts and ideas in the future.

Last year's Halloween Party and Costume Parade was a huge success and very well attended. This year's party is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st, at 11AM. Further discussion of activities was discussed at our October meeting and many fun activities are being planned. Summer Rec staff will be utilized in chaperoning the party and assisting in activities.

Upcoming events:

- next meeting, Nov 18th, 7PM, Town Hall
- Halloween Party and Parade at Brewster School, October 31st, 11AM
- Tree Lighting, Saturday, December 5th, 3PM

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Cipollina
Secretary

