

## **Loudon Recreation Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2011**

**In attendance: Alicia Grimaldi: Committee Chair, Jen Pfeifer: Committee Member, Amanda Masse: Committee Member, Kim Therrien: Committee Member, Laurie Jaquith: Committee Member, Melissa Minery: Committee Member, Alice Tuson, Tom Stevens, and Dan York**

**Introductions to Tom Stevens and Dan York of Loudon who attended this evenings meeting with review of the Loudon Recreation Committee's function and purpose.**

**Reminder to Committee members to get sworn in at Town Office.**

**Review of Revolving Fund and Recreation Expense Report. Alicia Grimaldi relayed she had spoke with Selectman, Dustin Bowles about the improvements needed for the tennis courts. Mr. Bowles suggested due to the economy it would not be in the best interest of the town to put the tennis courts into Capital Improvement or create a Warrant Article, but to put it in our 2012 budget instead. Alicia reviewed budget from previous year and there was over \$9,000 remaining. Alicia Grimaldi will explore using this year's surplus to go towards tennis court improvement before it becomes unusable and unsafe.**

**Reviewed this year's summer programming to include Community Summer Fun Nights, which are coordinated and ran by all the Recreation Committee members. All programs were extremely successful and well attended. A special thanks to the American Legion for providing their facility for our events during inclement weather. A special thanks to Kris Trip who volunteers her time to face paint for the kick of our events – the Ice Cream Social. Also, Many thanks for all who assisted in set up and break down of events and all the youth volunteers who participated throughout the summer. Kim Therrien made a suggestions for next year's events to include Lucky Bob – a magician, illusionist. Kim Therrien will research cost and availability as the Recreation Committee would like to secure him for next year. Kim Therrien also suggested, "Extreme Coupon." This was not an activity the Rec Committee wanted to consider at this time.**

**Prior to our Community Summer Fun Night events, Kim Therrien held pick up tennis games at the tennis courts at the Recreation Field and Laurie Jaquith held pick- up basketball games for the youth of Loudon. This is a great opportunity for kids to get together and be active. Laurie Jaquith would be interested in doing it again next year.**

**We also held equipment swaps prior to the Community Summer Fun Night's events; however this was not well attended. Suggestions were made to include equipment info on flyers going out to students at LES, informing LYAA, donating, and to have a bucket at Santa's Breakfast. Kim Therrien to check with Cindy Labonte to see if there is an interest to have it at Santa's Breakfast sponsored by the**

**LES PTA. Alicia Grimaldi to contact Tracey Koufous; LYAA Secretary to see if LYAA would be interested.**

**Summer Tennis had two great groups this year instructed by Kim Therrien. We had full classes for both sessions of swim lessons offered at Clough Pond. There were 17 adult and teens that participated in the Summer Golf program at Loudon Country Club. Archery was cancelled due to a low number of registrations. The Children's Stage Adventure's conducted another successful play, "The Fisherman and His Wife" with 47 youth of Loudon participating along with the assistance from Jen Pfeifer, Amanda Masse and Bridget Paquette. This year's accompanist was Joli White, MVMS Music program.**

**Loudon Recreation Committee will be holding the Loudon Farm Feast once again as we intend to make this an annual event, which will be held on Sunday, November 6th with two seating's - 5pm and 6pm in the cafeteria at Loudon Elementary School. Reservations are required. Flyers will be going out through LES and will be posted around town. Melissa Minery will resume coordinating role sending out invitations to farmers. Melissa Minery will coordinate efforts with Earl Tuson of Red Manse Farm who will be securing local foods from area farmers. Our goal is to involve as many local farmers to provide local food to serve our community an amazing meal while introducing them to the wealth and variety of food grown right here in Loudon.**

**The Loudon Recreation Committee will be able to begin cooking and set up at 9am on Sunday in the LES cafeteria. Amanda Masse will speak with the Girl Scouts to assist during the meal.**

**The menu will remain the same with an addition of kale, sausage, and potato soup. Jen Pfeifer, top chef will create menus and adjust amounts to serve 200 people. This year there are no blueberries, so dessert will be pumpkin custard and baked apples. More maple syrup is necessary Dan York will explore his contacts to secure 2 gallons. Earl Tucson will explore securing 2 gallons cow/goats milk for custard. Melissa Minery will create menu for guests – Jen Pfeifer to send Melissa the recipe for Kale, Potato, Sausage soup. Dan York will also make contact to secure 2 bushels of potatoes and Jen Pfeifer to provide him with the amount needed.**

**Donations are needed for spoons, knives, bowls, cups, and napkins. Jen Pfeifer to do an inventory on the Recreation Committee's supplies to assess what is needed in addition to what we already have. LES trays were used for serving last year, however these were not ideal. Alicia Grimaldi to contact Taylor Rental to see if this is something they could provide and at what cost. She will also contact the Bean Stalk and NHIS to see if this is something they might assist with.**

**Melissa Minery will create a slide show presentation of Local Farmers for the event.**

**Melissa Minery coordinated an extremely successful Zumba Class, instructed by Tammy Gray held at the Loudon Elementary School gym. There were 50 participants for the first session and there is another session beginning on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be obtained at [lougonnh.org](http://lougonnh.org). There has been great feedback for this class. Melissa Minery to provide participant feedback form for Tammy Gray to use. Alicia Grimaldi relayed feedback re. an additional class during the week as well as a teen class.**

**Amanda Masse to coordinate a Safe on My Own and Babysitting courses offered through the Red Cross for the month of February.**

**Alicia Grimaldi will coordinate with Manchester Monarchs tickets for upcoming games and special events. Dates to be determined.**

**Alicia Grimaldi to contact Mike Souther regarding planning for the Fishing Derby to be held in February in coordination with Winter Carnival. There has been a lot of interest in this event as well as offers to volunteer.**

**Tom Stevens and Dan York inquired as to how best to serve the Recreational Committee. Tom expressed interest in coordinating efforts to secure use of the Recreational Fields - a schedule of sorts, to ensure field availability for local groups interested in using the field. Alicia Grimaldi will speak to Town Clerk, Jean Lee regarding this proposed effort. The Recreation Committee thought this would be a great idea and would aid in communication of the different organizations that use the fields. This could include info on the town website, coordinating field clean up and maintenance. It was a pleasure meeting with Tom and Dan and we look forward to their future involvement with the Recreation Committee.**

**The next Loudon Recreation Committee meeting will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Maxfield Public Library.**

**If you have ideas or would like to run a program through the Loudon Recreation Committee please contact Alicia Grimaldi at [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) or call 603-568-5575.**