

Burrillville Recreation Commission

Minutes - Regular Meeting

6:30 pm – Monday, December 12, 2022

Jesse Smith Memorial Library 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, RI 02830

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

Members Present: Andrea Banks, Joe Risho, Anne Brown, Greg Devlin, Sharon Davies, Terri Reis

Members Absent: Justin Batalon Burrillville Town Council Liaison

Members Excused: Cliff Boulet

Guests: none

Correspondence:

Good and Welfare:

Old Business:

Report on Recreation Program Information provided in advance by Andrea Hall:

Snack Pack Program - IGA donated 45 bags of non-perishable extra Thanksgiving food and they were paired with Wright's chicken (purchased by the town via grant funds) and distributed to our families this week, 18 hot Thanksgiving meals were delivered on Thanksgiving to families in need (purchased from Uncle Ronnie's via grant funds), new donations received December 2022 totaled \$1,325.00, all 3 elementary schools donated excess food from their Thanksgiving baskets to our food pantry; Reached out to volunteers to find out if any of their regulars were in need of anything for Christmas whether a new hat, coat, boots etc. or even a small gift to cheer up those who will be celebrating alone; Raffle and chocolate pop sales at Santa event raised \$480 to benefit senior services; Complimentary tickets for the upcoming Christmas time with the New Providence Big Band to be held on Sunday – December 11, 2022 at the Burrillville Assembly Theatre at 3:00 pm offered to all Burrillville Seniors and as of December 7, 2022 there are (46) Burrillville Seniors who have requested free admission to the event, tickets are limited with a total of (50) being offered, costs covered via grant funding; Began a new program "Friends Feeding Friends" which is an expansion of the our food pantry, volunteers are making home cooked meals and freezing them for distribution to our families, grant funds provide reusable containers for the food, ingredient costs are covered both through the food pantry staples and volunteer out of pocket; Met with Gloucester Village Common Steering Committee to share ideas and see how we can collaborate as we are both working hard to get our Villages up and running

Report on Parks/Recreation Areas:

Snowman updated and placed at the Town Common; HFD put up our tree and some Christmas lights at the gazebo; Boy Scouts and DPW have hung wreaths around town; Santa event held 12/3 with a last minute change from the Pavilion to indoor the Jesse Smith Library, over (900+) were in

attendance, a raffle, cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus, HFD firetruck brought Santa, Dunkin Donuts donated the donuts, hot cocoa was provided by Uncle Ronnie's Restaurant, Burrillville Middle School Choir provided the music, Santa gave the little one's gifts and candy canes were given out; Santa Calling took place from November 30, 2022 through December 4, 2022, (4) Santa's Helpers made the calls to the (65) requests received; With the help of (14) volunteers, (1200) tulip bulbs were planted at various Burrillville parks the week of December 5th and Burrillville Community member Ken Milligan made the donation possible, a "Thank You" advertisement will be placed in the Bargain Buyer on 12/07/22, the remaining bulbs were planted in a newly constructed flower bed at the DPW and will be given out as cut flowers to seniors in the spring; An additional 50 packs of holiday cards were ordered this year, and almost all have sold out, all proceeds benefit needy families in town

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm
Minutes submitted by Andrea Banks