Recreation Advisory Board Meeting 9/10/18

Call to Order: Chair Paul Punturieri called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Present: Paul Punturieri, Chris Shipp, Linda Murray and Donna Kuethe

Absent: Bonnie Donahue, Matt Swedberg

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Shipp and seconded by Linda Murray to approve the minutes of June 11, 2018. The motion passed.

Old Business: Bocce Courts – Donna reported on the estimated cost of bocce courts. The approximated total of one recreation sized bocce court, with materials and labor provided by DPW would be $2,000.00. There was discussion regarding a location at Kraine Meadow Park and whether or not we could add a second one at States Landing when the park area is developed. Donna will look into the difference between the recreational dimensions and tournament dimensions. She will approach the subject during the budget process.

Director’s Report: Having just returned from vacation Donna noted, and apologized, that she did not have a written Director’s report but would provide one to the group. She made an oral report, concentrating on the following: the successes of the full day camp program; Family Fun Day in conjunction with the Castle in the Clouds and LRCT, had 400 in attendance; increased numbers in the tennis program; Jack o Lantern Lane, also in collaboration with the Castle, will be held on October 12th; Senior Trips – Cabbage Island down in numbers; Portsmouth/Isles of Shoals up; after school program started on the first day of school but are looking for additional help – have a wait list for children at this point. The Department will be able to accept credit card payments and on-line registrations on October 1st (if all goes according to plan). Donna K., Donna T. and Dan will be attending the NHRPA Annual Conference and Awards Banquet on Thursday Sept. 13th.

Discussion: Discussion included exploring ideas for additional staffing for the after-school program. Other discussion involved more senior recreational opportunities such as Tai Chi. This led to a discussion on facility challenges and lack of space in the current rec dept., Lion’s Club and school.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday January 7th at 7:00 PM

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Shipp and seconded by Linda Murray. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Donna Kuethe