

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
December 3, 2015
Minutes

Present: Bev Jackson, Mary Ann Langdon, Ginny Hogan, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Betsy Danforth, Ron Rasi

Others Present: Frank Provenzano, Ernie Smith, Liz Adams, Allie Leonard, Neil Cobliegh, Charlie Smith, RoseAnna Smith, Chris Kogert, Kent Stanley, Debbie F.

1. Call to Order: 10:50 AM

2. Public Comments:

- Shannon questioned if the announcement of the Town of Waterford's ownership of Bingham Beach in their recreation publication would impact Camp Harkness
- A discussion will be added to the January agenda to include input from Dan and Tom

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes: No quorum

- October minutes were corrected – Ernie Smith's name appeared twice in the attendance section
- MaryAnn motioned to accept the amended minutes. Bev seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Jackson abstained.

5. Correspondence: None

- Bev shared an email and letter from two individuals (see attached)
- A gentleman who received funds from a community renewal project contest wishes to use the money (\$500) to buy and put up fencing around the dunes at the camp. He needs input as to how to proceed with the project
- Vicki mentioned the Waterford fence
- Ernie said the Waterford fence was a temporary snow fence and suggested putting up a split rail fence
- Vicki suggested putting the donation in the Camp Harkness Fund
- Ernie suggested inviting the individual to attend the June meeting where he could discuss his ideas for using the money
- A letter from a long time camper offered her thanks and expressed her satisfaction with the changes in the fire pit to accommodate all campers. She also thanked Bev Jackson for her advocacy in seeing these changes occurred

6. Camp Harkness Fund:

A. Monthly Report

- Marion Brown was unable to attend
- Vicki reported on ideas for use of \$5000 donation
- Bev suggested picnic tables
- July 30, 2016 was suggested as a date for Summer Fest
- \$1900 gift from the Motorcycle Run will be split among DDS services
- Vicki will be distributing gifts this week from the run
- MaryAnn suggested using some of the fund for something on the Master Plan
- Vicki mentioned that additional fund raising might be needed for specific needs that may not be with the current funds available

- A suggestion was made to look at possibilities for fund raising in January for something from the Master Plan
- Betsy suggested something security related (eg, signs) with regard to Bingham Beach
- A Camp Harkness Fund meeting had been scheduled for December 6, 2015 at 10AM

7. Old Business:

A. Camp Report

i. Camp Usage/ Events

- No report – will be presented in January
- Vicki is very involved with gift distribution at this time

ii. Physical Plant

- Frank reported that the budget will affect projects on the agenda
- Bev and MaryAnn will show staff placement needs for towel racks in the Brown Cabins
- Mirrors to be placed
- Progress on signs will be discussed at next meeting
- Ernie introduced new staff members – Ken Stanley and Chris Kogert. They may not always attend meetings
- Two positions were lost but will have little impact on the Camp
- Ernie will be leaving next February

B. Website Update

- Not discussed at this time due to members' scheduling conflicts

C. Seniors Volunteer Program

- Not discussed at this time due to members' scheduling conflicts

D. Camp Pass Application Process

- Not discussed at this time due to members' scheduling conflicts

E. Other

- Liz introduced a new instructor – Allie Leonard – who will be working with the High Hopes Program
- MaryAnn thanked staff for placing bars in the bathroom and said they provided more safety for those who needed it

8. New Business:

A. Approval of Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule

- Will be discussed at January 2016 meeting

B. Election of Officers

- Will be discussed at January 2016 meeting

C. Other

- Thank you to Bev for her organization of the Holiday celebration

9. Adjournment: 11:24 AM; Jackson motioned to adjourn

Next Meeting: January 28, 2016 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary