



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING

HIGHWAY, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR HIGHWAY, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 4, 2023 @ 8:00am

Approval of Highway/Parks Minutes – Dec. 7 Meeting (prepared by Kathy Persons)

Approval of Community Programs Minutes – Dec. 2 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre)

Public Comment

Highway & Parks Items (Ray Smith)

1. Review of minutes- (see attached)
2. Highway Crews- Crews will be working on trees and resident request list. Patching of roads, basin repairs and small drainage projects.
3. Personnel- (update) Highway and Parks, we have 1 vacancy currently in the parks department.
4. Parks- Crews have been working in various parks trimming brush and park maintenance.
5. Xmas tree pickup-Trucks will be circulating the town for the month of January. (flyer attached)
6. TB resolution- (possible hire of a grounds worker) (possible equipment purchases)
7. Title reclassification- discussion (Beth)
8. Highway garage- working on quotes and contracts for 2024 purchases to get equipment ordered in a timely manner.
9. Open discussion -

Recreation [Community Programs] Items (Lori Peretti)

10. Assistant Recreation Director position
11. Facility Use Manual – updated
12. Resolutions for January



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Senior Program Updates and Events (Linda O'Brien)

13. Senior Program update

Schedule February meeting_– February 1st @ 8:00am

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Happy New Year!!



Town of Niskayuna

Bill McPartlon, Chairperson

12/7/23

Highway, Water, Sewer, & Engineering Committees

Present: B. McPartlon, M. Yetto, R. Smith, S. Goldstein, B. Greenwood, J. Puccioni, J. Foti, K. Persons

Minutes from November Committees were approved.

WATER, SEWER, & ENGINEERING MEETING

1. Attorney's Items:

- a. Hilltop Rd. water line acceptance: Drawings have been received and is ready for resolution.
- b. Aqueduct Rd. water line acceptance: Has been approved by DOH. Waiting for as-built drawings in order to accept the line. Waiting for National Grid response so that the Balltown Rd PRV work can be scheduled.
- c. Outside Sewer Agreement-Aqueduct Rd.: Waiting for applicants to provide necessary information.

2. Water & Sewer Billing:

- a. 2023 Fall Residential/Commercial Reconciliation: Resolution to be generated.

3. Water & Sewer Maintenance:

- a. 2024 Materials/Chemical Bids: Resolution will be at the January special meeting.
- b. Crews: Currently working on hydrant replacement and valve maintenance, and maintenance on all pump stations.
- c. Employment: Interviews will resume in January for two vacancies.

4. Waste Water Treatment Plant:

- a. Organic Waste Program: Waiting for and update from B&L Engineering. FOG working out and looking for more contracts. The bio generator has gone live this week and is producing electricity.

5. Water Treatment Plant:

- a. Upgrade project: Currently waiting to receive electrical parts to complete the electrical end of the upgrade.

6. Transfer Station/Recycling:

- a. Landfill: Annual inspection has been completed and report is being submitted to DEC.

HIGHWAY MEETING:

1. **Highway Crews:** Crews are working on trimming trees and resident's requests, patching of roads and potholes, basin repairs and smaller drainage projects. Leaf pick up has ended for the year.
2. **Personnel:** There is currently one vacancy in the Parks Department and will resume interviewing in January.
3. **Parks:** Crews have been servicing summer equipment and preparing for winter operations.
4. **Loose leaf pickup:** 2023 season has been completed. 7050 yards of loose leaf has been picked up, equivalent to 352 ten wheeler loads.
5. **TB Resolutions:** Resolution for bid extensions for material used in public works operation for 2024.
6. **Disk Golf/Low Mow:** The disk golf has been mowed with the new mower to complete mowing for the year and clean up any invasive species. The landfill cap has also been completed.
7. **Highway Garage:** Mechanics are stripping leaf equipment from the trucks and installing snow plow equipment.
8. **Open Discussion:** Resident on Rosehill Blvd. Called regarding their dissatisfaction with Verizon boring under the road. Engineering will reach out to Verizon to rectify this and until then permits will be frozen.

Next Meeting: January 3, at 8:30 am.
Minutes prepared by: K. Persons



Town of Niskayuna
December 7, 2023

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: J. Moskowitz, J. Foti, L. Peretti, J. Lohre, S. Goldstein, L. O'Brien, B. Greenwood

Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2023 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). The minutes were approved as presented.

Community Programs Items – Lori Peretti

Ski Club – There are 46 Niskayuna High School students registered for a seat on the bus, and a total of 56 registered for the program. This program will run for six Friday nights, (January 5th – February, 9th). We are looking forward to another great skiing and snowboarding season.

Toys for Tots Collection – To date, we have filled 3 collection boxes with toys. This is down a bit from where we were last year, but there are still two events this weekend, in addition to an email blast that will be going out shortly. We hope to have at least 2 more boxes filled by the pick-up date next week.

Things of My Very Own – Lori Peretti reported that this has been an amazing year for the Things of My Very Own gift tags! To date, she has emailed out 902 tags, and this number does not include that tags that have been taken from the tree in the lobby. It is estimated that we have helped over 1000 families this holiday season. With our help, TOMVO has been able to take many families off of their “Wait List”, and now they will also have a wonderful holiday. Lori is proud to be involved in this very worthwhile cause, and would like to thank everyone who has participated by taking gift tags. She also noted that she has sent tags to people as far away as California!

Parents Night Out – For children ages 4-10, is this Saturday, 12/9, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration is filled and there is a small wait list. Children are encouraged to show up in their pajamas. There will be holiday crafts, and other activities, followed by the movie **Elemental**.

Annual Tree Lighting – The Annual Tree Lighting is tomorrow, December 8th, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Niskayuna High School Choir, Concert Chorale, and the group “A-Chaired Taste”. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be available after the musical performance. This is an outdoor event, so participants are encouraged to dress accordingly.

Resolution Items: There are no resolutions, but there will be a proclamation for the person who jumped in and helped with the Heimlich Maneuver during an art class at the Senior Center.

Senior Program Updates – Things are off to a very fun and busy start at the Senior Center. Linda O'Brien reported that people seem very happy which is always their goal. On Mondays, in December, Jim Dillon will be doing a special edition of his movie talks, focusing on Frank Capra and *It's a Wonderful Life*. Jim does a great presentation, and always has a good-sized group. The Center recently partnered with The Eddy's Alzheimer's group to host an event for Alzheimer's patients and their caretakers. Approximately 25 people came in and frosted cookies, and everyone was impressed with the facility.

On Tuesday, 12/5, Nick Persons from Niskayuna Fire District #1 came in to do a presentation on smoke detector safety. He does this to raise awareness of a grant, which allows anyone to have their smoke detectors checked, and if necessary, replaced – free of charge! Nick pointed out that smoke detectors begin to get a yellowish cast after ten years or so, and that is a good indication that they need to be replaced. He also discussed some of the other fire safety items on the market these days, and the fire department's feelings about these products. An example was the fire suppression blankets. The Fire Department's philosophy is that too many things could go wrong with this product, possibly making a bad situation even worse. They would rather residents just get out, so that they are safe and not breathing fumes, and then call 911.

The Annual Holiday Luncheon was held on Thursday, December 7th. Entertainment started at 11:00 with the Niskayuna High School Choir, and when folks headed downstairs, the tables were set and Senior Center Staff were ready to serve the meal. Linda explained that this event is one of the events where they always pull out all the stops, and it seems to be very much appreciated. Forty-five meals were served at this year's luncheon.

Upcoming programs include a lecture titled "Managing Your Medications" by Barry Loffredo on Wednesday, 12/13 at 6:30 pm. This will take place on the Lower Level of the Community Center. SAS will be coming in on 12/14 to make Felted Gnomes with the seniors. Plans are also being made for a Mah Jong tournament in March. The Center will be closed for the week of 12/25, and since the town is also closed on Tuesday, January 2nd, the Senior Center will not re-open until Thursday, 1/4. Book Club will be meeting that day, and will be choosing the books for 2024. The Electric City Barn will also be coming in on January 4th, and will be doing Vision Boards with the seniors. The following week, Maxine, the Qi Gong, instructor, will be launching a new program – "How to Retire with Joy".

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2023 at 4:30 pm
Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre**