TOWN OF HARWINTON RECREATION COMMISSION MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014 HARWINTON TOWN HALL

Members Present: Michael Flowers, Darren Brown, Bruce Wilcox, Wayne Delmonte

Also Present: Suzanne Stich, Recreation Director

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Michael Flowers at 7:04 pm.

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted on a motion by Darren Brown, second by Bruce Wilcox, so moved.

Director Report:

The Town now has a smoke-free policy and has received "tobacco free zone" signs from the Torrington Area Health District to post at Town parks and properties.

A Recreation Department 'Community Events Calendar' was included as an insert this year with the real estate tax bills.

Super Saturday, held in May, was the best yet, with the addition of a Craft Festival & more hands-on kids' activities as well as the community groups. We are considering changing the date to not coincide with the Library's sale.

Summer Playground Camp had 164 children registered. We had great staff this summer. The new extended day option was well-received.

Tennis, golf, dance, and basketball camps/programs were held this summer as well as sponsoring a team in the senior baseball league.

Pickleball has been very popular with 42 adults registered and will continue through October. The question of available grant money to refurbish the courts was raised.

Outdoor Movie Nights have been very successful. We will have a total of 4, with over 300 in attendance at the first movie, and an average of 150 attending the others.

The 'Trunk or Treat' is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, and 'Hometown Holiday Celebration' is scheduled for Saturday, December 6. It was agreed not to hold the 'Turkey Shoot' this year.

Chairman Report:

Mike Flowers reported that he attended the Little League State Tournament held at the Sports Complex in July. Fans in attendance from visiting towns were very complimentary of the fields and the complex. Wayne Delmonte noted that HYSA will need to discuss the pros and cons before hosting in the future.

HYSA Report: Wayne Delmonte reported that registration for fall sports has closed. The numbers are good but getting the word out to everyone and getting them to register on time is still a challenge. The golf tournament fund raiser was the most successful thus far.

Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Bruce Wilcox, second by Darren Brown, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,