

Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee

Minutes 6/19/2014

Attendees: Members in attendance Bob Correia, Jeff Downs, Deb Spinelli, Lynda Walsh, Tim O'Leary

Absent: Vicki Lowe, and Bill Dudley

Guest: Jim Devellis

The Minutes for the 5/28/2014 were approved: Motion by Jeff/Second by Lynda 5-0-0.

Deb introduced the paragraph for Application for Schools use under Other stipulations:

5. Repeated use of a school facility (defined as three or more separate events/rental agreements within one school year) will require that at least one responsible part complete training in child sexual abuse prevention. This applies to all events that include children under the age of 18. Adult-only use is excluded from this stipulation.

All agreed with the addition and Jeff will use the same for the Recreation Application for use of fields, etc. He will send out a draft application before the meeting on July 16th.

The group discussed meeting schedule...the next meeting will be July 16th and then August 6th. For the remainder of the year the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

Jim Devellis informed the group that the Recreation Instructors attended training, and it was especially encouraging to see the many young leaders attend. The group were engaged and talking about what-if's, etc. He thanked our committee, for he believes that if it wasn't for our group the training may have never taken place.

The committee would like to see that anyone who teaches/instructs the children in the Rec program, be trained also. For example, maybe they have someone come in to demonstrate cake decorating, etc.

Tim O'Leary made us aware that there is no longer a "Youth Officer". Since his move to detective, no one has stepped into his slot, and he no longer has the time to put into the position.

Bob spoke about developing a Home Rule Petition to invent the law to cover playground and rec people..he will speak more with Jay Barrows and Jim Devellis.

Bob mentioned that the Y gave us a grant that would give training for about 150 people as well as fire & police training on line.

Bob also spoke about reaching out the MIAA to see if they'd be willing to spread the word throughout the towns that they insure about the importance of the Darkness to Light training and the steps that we as a town are taking to ensure our childrens safety.

We still need to keep on the Town Manager to push the remaining Town Employees (mostly Public Works) to get trained. We also need to get definite answers as to who/how this training is being recorded.

The next meeting will be held 7/16 and then 8/6.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff/second by Lynda, motion carried 4-0 (Deb had left before adjournment)