

JYC Minutes
October 19, 2014 *2015*

Present: Deb Morris, Mike Gereau, Ed Welch, Trena Riedinger, Kelly Nessle, Kate Hartley

Guests: Ann Dingman, Sue Hayden, Peter Olesheski

Announcement prior to meeting agenda by Peter Olesheski:

- Some Town Board members wanted the committee to consider the idea of giving all three directors membership status with a vote
- Some Town Board members wanted the committee to consider giving the board liaison a vote
- All Town Board members say “Hands Off” the summer YP morning program. The board feels that the committee is doing a great job with the school year activities and the swim program but doesn’t want any changes to the summer YP program.

The following reactions were voiced:

- Kate: I don’t have any problem with the vote; I didn’t know we had made any changes to the YP
- Mike: Membership and vote no problem; not sure what we are talking about as far as the YP
- Trena: Well, things change.
- Ed: Well, we have two programs then and two separate budgets.
- Deb: This makes what we have been doing moot.
- Kelly: Ha—what a joke; I am tired of doing what the town board should have done a long time ago.

Deb asked that Peter read the three points again. He read:

1. Are you in favor of the Youth Program and Swim Program directors being recognized as voting members of the Youth Committee?
2. Are you OK with the Town liaison being recognized as a voting member of the Youth Committee?
3. Are you in agreement that the Committee should put less emphasis on making major changes to the Summer Youth Program and focus more on other recreational opportunities for Johnsbury youth throughout the year?

Some discussion ensued but no motions made or votes taken which addressed the above. Peter suggested that the town board would be voting on this at the next town board meeting.

Meeting started by approving the September minutes.

Financial report: Grants account \$5,348.03 with checks being written at the meeting to cover zip line activity and trip to the observatory

Town account: Spent in 2015 so far: \$34,056 which puts us over the allocation by \$556.28— with \$1000 outstanding and possible \$400 for soccer

Atlas Update:

- Program beginning this coming weekend. 11 kids committed and perhaps a few more signing on.

Swim Program Review

- Sue felt it went very well: right number of lifeguards and swim counselors; had 29 kids with an average of 22 (per Ann) for the four days each week
- All children progressed a level except one who couldn't put face in water
- Ann commented that there had been a waiting list and children should have been taken when the others didn't show up
- Sign up should continue to happen in April or early May
- Pete wondered if parents paid something for the program if it would enhance attendance.
- Plan to go to Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday for 5 weeks—dropping Friday when families tend to go off for the weekend. Ann noted that the AM return bus on Friday would be delayed if there were no swimming on Friday.

At 8:30PM people had to leave; meeting adjourned.