

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385**

**January 26, 2012
Minutes**

Members Present: Diane Harrington, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby, Ginny Hogan, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson

Others Present: Ernie Smith, Neil Cobleigh, Shannon O'Brien, Scott Wolfe, Charle & RoseAnna Smith

Called to Order: 11:00 when quorum was obtained.

Citizens Comments & Presentations: 0

Correspondence: Mary McKay sent a beautiful thank you letter reflecting on Camp Harkness, the friends & co-workers she has enjoyed during her many years of service.

Approval of Minutes: Ginny moved approval & April seconded the motion. All in favor.

DDS Mission Stakeholders Meeting: Bev reported that she was proud to represent CHAC at the January 18, 2012 Stakeholders' work group Meeting. She felt that the day was productive w/ a good selection of parents, self-advocates and providers sharing experiences, challenges and ideas. Going forward, the input collected this day will help to review and revise the DDS mission and vision relating to implementing the Department's Five Year Plan.

Maintenance: Neil Cobleigh reviewed ideas for repairing the train. Ernie provided Stan with information about a chassis for train cars. Oak Hill to design and build accessible car. Vicky mentioned some signs around the park need to be replaced.

Camp Harkness Fund: The Camp Harkness Fund met with the organizers of the Pow Wow. Much was discussed. They will purchase insurance for the event & a users' agreement will be signed. We did review an agreement that is being drafted for the Pow Wow. Set up was also discussed. More to come.

Pass Distribution: Pass distribution is going well. If anyone hasn't gotten a green parking tag, call Nancy at 860-859-5554

Motorcycle Ride: Over 500 gift cards were collected then distributed to local people with disabilities during the holidays. Thank you to the organizers of this ride.

Camp Reservations: The new process has gone over very well. Memorial Day was the only day with numerous requests. A lottery determined who would be able to enjoy the park during that holiday.

Camp Usage: Copies will be handed out

Director of Nursing: The position to combine the Camp Harkness nurse with a nurse that also rotated to a few local group homes is moving forward.

Vicky is also putting in for summer help positions.

Election of Officers: Stan will serve another year as president of the Camp Harkness Advisory Committee. April Dipollina will remain the vice president. Diane Harrington will serve another year as secretary.

Appointments/reappointments: for positions on the board were discussed briefly. Several representatives are waiting approval.

Booster Club Users Agreement: Stan will write up a letter of our concerns with the user agreement. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50 am

Next Meeting: February 23, 2012 at Camp Harkness