

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**Camp Harkness Office**  
**301 Great Neck Road**  
**July 26, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Diane Harrington, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby, Ginny Hogan, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson, Ron Rasi, Joyce Baker

**Others Present:** Neil Cobleigh, Shannon Liberty, Thomas Dailey, Carin Mancini, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Marian Brown, Ernie Smith, Frank Provenzano

**Called to Order:** 10:35

**Citizens Comments & Presentations:** 0

**Correspondence:** 0

**Approval of Minutes:**

Diane motioned to approve the minutes. Bev seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

**Maintenance:**

Ernie power washed the cabins. He has many work orders to complete. There is a new Camp Harkness sign at the entrance. The gas grill is a concern. It is not being cleaned well and has sustained damage. As this is the second gas grille, Ernie recommended next year replacing it with a charcoal grill.

The train is working well, though it is going through wheels on the new cars quickly.

Frank mentioned two projects he is working on.

#1 Dining Room Renovations~ windows, doors & maybe lighting & bathroom repairs

#2 The extension of the brown cabins to accommodate accessible bathrooms.. Money is not in place yet for this project.

**Camp Harkness Fund:**

Next meeting: August 3. Marian mentioned they are planning Adopt a Plant Day.

The sale of Camp Harkness items has been going well & is generating some money for the fund.

**Camp Usage:** Copies were handed out.

**Security:** The Waterford police now have the code to access the park. They have been driving through the park. It was mentioned there is no money in the budget for a security company to be hired. Next year, a shift may be added to cover the early hours of the overnight to help with security.

Also, there have been a few incidents of people walking through the camp area during camp hours. One person did not appreciate being asked to change his walking route. Signs will be posted asking people to respect the camp area.

**Appointments/Reappointments:** There have been a few shifts in positions. Some appointments are still pending. Christine Pollio Cooney from DDS Central Office has been working with the Governor's Office and Legislators' Offices on these.

**Booster Club:** A letter was sent out from the Regional Office stating their contract would not be renewed. The state is very concerned that no insurance documentation has been provided. Also, staff training has not been provided. The barn area needs to be cleaned out by September 24. Plans are being developed to ensure the well-being of the animals at that time, if necessary.

**Meeting adjourned 11:40 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Harrington  
Secretary

**Next Meeting: August 23, 2012 at Camp Harkness**