

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
March 11, 2024

Meetings are subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Steve Inglese, Joe Fredlund, Carrie Rowe, Tim Cook, Sheila Anson, Joanne Kelly, Greg Kraft. Community Services Director Jenn Pote, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Co-Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Carrie Rowe and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Town Beach - Opening and Policies:** Jenn Pote reported that the Town Beach will open weekends Memorial Day weekend and open seven days a week following the close of school on June 14th. Staffing is just about set with Beach Director, Mike Granata, returning. The Commissioners reviewed the Policies (see below) instituted last season and agreed to keep them in place.

Washington Town Beach

59 East Shore Rd.
New Preston, CT 06777

Season Beach Pass Policies 2024

Season Beach Passes are available to **residents of Washington only**.
Proof of residency is required when picking up pass at the Parks & Rec office.

Residents Defined: MUST live in a house in Washington, pay taxes on a house in Washington, or rent year-round in Washington. No exceptions.

- Season permits **MUST** be purchased online and picked up at the Parks & Rec office, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.
- Sticker **MUST** be adhered to the windshield or will not be allowed to park.
- All guests **MUST** ride with a resident. Exceptions: car seat issues or handicap issues, with the approval of the Parks & Rec Dept.

- Non-residents may purchase a day pass online or at the beach.
- Homeowners that rent short-term may purchase a “Vacation” pass to be shared with one renter at a time. Pass **MUST be purchased by Resident.**

Sticker Fees and Rates

Season Resident- \$30 (additional sticker- \$30)

Senior Citizens (65+)- Free

First Responders- Free

Non-Residents- Day Pass- \$60

Vacation Pass (only one per residence/per season)- \$100

- Summer Camp: Is scheduled for July 1 – 26 at the Washington Primary School. Brian McAuley will again be Director with many returning counselors. The Camp will be able to use the pool at the Shepaug School one day a week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **May 4th Concert:** Jenn has engaged the band Booyah for a concert in Bryan Memorial Town Hall for Saturday, May 4, 2024. The cost will be \$4000 for a 3-hour concert (\$3000 if it were a 2-hour concert). **Motion:** To approve an expenditure of up to \$4000 from the Parks and Recreation checking account to cover the cost of the band for the May 4, 2024 concert at the Town Hall. By Tim Cook, seconded by Greg Kraft. Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the cost of the concert and whether it should be a two-hour or 3-hour event. The motion passed unanimously. **Motion:** To charge a \$10/ticket price for the May 4, 2024 Booyah Concert to offset the cost. By Carrie Rowe, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved. In addition to the Concert, Jenn is planning on having the Mobile Pub and a Food Truck available for concert goers.

Chairman’s Report: C.J. Kersten and the Commissioners congratulated the Shepaug Boys Basketball team on a great season!

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk