

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**December 19, 2022**

**Minutes are subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

**Present:** Sheila Anson, Greg Kraft., Carrie Rowe, Ray Reich, Tim Cook, C.J. Kersten.  
Community Services Director Jenn Pote; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. B Tim Cook, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Holiday in the Depot:** The consensus of opinion is that the event was a huge success. Jenn Pote reported that overall, she was very pleased and gave a special shout out to Santa, aka Jim McDonough. As Jenn only recently assumed the position of Community Services Director (previously known as Parks and Rec Coordinator), the Commissioners, in turn, gave a shout out to her for a job well done. Having Santa outside worked very well especially by keeping the driveway in front of Town Hall clear for the horse drawn carriage. In planning for next year, Jenn will speak with the Market regarding closing the Plaza off to traffic earlier. It was also decided to eliminate the luminaries as they were barely noticeable with the brighter lighting in the Depot. If individual businesses choose to have their own, that would be fine and their responsibility.
- **Flag Pole at the Beach:** Following last month's meeting, Mary Anne Greene contacted Beach Caretaker Ralph Averill regarding his thoughts on a flag pole and his willingness to raise and lower the flag daily. Ralph is agreeable and also expressed his willingness to have his own flag flying from the beach house deck. Ray Reich offered to donate a flag for this purpose to Ralph if he does not currently have one.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Stipend for Mark Kusch.** Mark donated his time and equipment to provide music in the Depot during the day and evening of Holiday in the Depot. **Motion:** To approve a stipend for Mark Kusch in an amount not to exceed \$200 for his work in providing music for Holiday in the Depot. By Ray Reich, seconded by Tim Cook. Discussion: Mary Anne will look back to determine the amount of stipends for similar services in the past. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2023 Meeting Schedule:** Jenn will email the schedule to Commissioners.
- **Winterfest 2023:** Jenn will reach out to Rumsey Hall School Headmaster as he has previously offered the schools facilities in the past. Possibly looking for a February date.
- **Welcome to George Steiner:** George began working as Community Services Assistant the week leading up to Holiday in the Depot. The Commissioners extended a thank you for all his assistance before, during and after the event.
- **Resignation of Ray Reich:** Ray informed the Commissioners that after a great deal of thought, and after thirty years of serving on the Commission, he was submitting his resignation to the

Board of Selectmen. The Commission thanked Ray for his many years of unwavering service to not only the Commission but to the Town. Ray promised to “keep in touch”.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:13p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk