

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes**

**February 13, 2023**

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

**Present:** Chairman, C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Greg Kraft. Community Services Director Jenn Pote, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Public:** Joanne Kelly. **Guests:** Anne Fenton, Joel Zeisler.

**Call to Order:** C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

Sheila Anson explained that there can be no voting at this meeting as Lincoln's Birthday is a State Holiday.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tabled until the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **WMS Camp:** Anne Fenton from Washington Montessori School attended this evening's meeting to inquire as to the possibility of bringing 15-16 of their elementary school age summer campers to the Town Beach one afternoon a week for a two-hour period. The camp runs from June 26 – August 3. The Commissioners felt that Friday afternoons would not be suitable as they are normally busy. Anne also explained that they could bring lifeguards to assist if necessary. The Commissioners agreed to discuss the request further and would like the Town Attorney consulted prior to any final decision.
- **LOF Summer 2023 Lake Tour:** Joel Zeisler of LOF (Leap of Faith) Adaptive Skiers attended this evening's meeting to inquire as to the possibility of partnering with the Town to offer adaptive water skiing to persons with disabilities on Lake Waramaug. They are hoping to do this program on five of Connecticut's lakes. They provide the inboard ski boats, safety vessels, etc. They would bring 6 skiers and ask that we recruit 6 more. The program would be a one-day event from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. and, if approved, be held the week prior to the beach opening full time on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Dean Sarjeant, of the Lake Waramaug Authority, attended the meeting as well and gave his personal support. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this request further, would like the Town Attorney consulted as well as the towns of Warren and Kent.
- **Budget:** Jenn Pote and several of the Commissioners have met with the Board of Selectmen to present proposed budget figures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Extending the Summer Recreation program day until 3:00p.m. is in the planning stages as well as budgetary needs to make this happen. Discussion continues regarding the funding of pickle ball courts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Beach Director:** The Beach Director position has been advertised.
- **Summer Staffing:** Lifeguards are lined up for the season. Summer Recreation Director, Brian McAuley will be reaching out to his staff to determine who will be returning.
- **Non-Resident Beach Fee:** Tabled until next meeting.
- **Election of Officers:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:40p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk.