

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**November 13, 2023**

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Greg Kraft and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Pickle Ball Courts:** Jenn Pote reported that the Board of Selectmen had extended an Invitation to Bid for the construction and installation of two Pickle Ball Courts. Bids were due today. Only one bid was received: Hinding Tennis Courts - \$57,224.00. Facilities Manager, Mark Showalter, has reviewed the Bid and will be contacting Hinding to clarify any additional charges, if there is a need for an engineer and/or a survey of the area.
- **Morning Swim:** Jenn received an email from a Shepaug Swim Team student inquiring if she would be allowed to join the Morning Swim program. Following discussion, the Commission unanimously agreed to respectfully decline the student's request and to keep the program with its original parameters – that being strictly for "Adult Swimmers" who reside in the three towns of Region 12.
- **Beach:** All docs, chairs, equipment, etc. have been removed from the beach area and stored for the winter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Family Skate** begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving at the Frederick Gunn School rink.
- **Holiday in the Depot:** Jenn reported that the WBA inquired about the possibility of having portable heaters in the area of Santa on the Town Hall front lawn. The Commissioners did not feel this was necessary. Jenn is hopeful to have Santa confirmed shortly. Several ideas were mentioned as to who should light the tree this year – to be determined. As the newest member of the Commission, Steve Inglese (who was not able to attend this evening's meeting) was given the job of following the horse drawn carriage with bucket and shovel.
- **River Walk Park:** The Pavilion has been closed and winterized for the winter.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** C.J. Kersten congratulated the Shepaug Field Hockey, Soccer and Golf teams for all reaching the State Championship level games.

**Next Meeting:** December 4, 2023.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:10p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk