

# February 12, 2013

## Special Meeting

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich, Laura Martin, Tim Cook; Coordinator Lisa Easter; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

### Call to Order:

Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. noting there was a quorum present and reminding Commissioners that as this is a “Special Meeting” any subsequent business not on the agenda cannot be added.

### Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Laura Martin and unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

\* Beach and Boat Launch:

Ray Reich reported the beach has faired well this winter and the flag is flying from the Beach House. The tenants are doing a fine job and wish to renew their lease. Ray also reported that a stump grinding truck had been parking at the Beach and he had notified them they could no longer use the lot for parking. Laura Martin asked the Commissioners if Washington Montessori summer camp could use the beach weekday mornings from 9:00-10:00a.m. for swim lessons. Megan Morse and Jill Skilton would be “in charge”. As Megan is the Assistant Beach Director, and the lessons would be given before the beach opens for the day, the Commissioners saw no problem. Rumsey Hall summer camp has used the Beach in the past. Lisa Easter and Megan will work out details.

\* River Walk Park:

Liz Gugel, Pavilion Attendant, will attend the March meeting of the Parks and Rec Commission to review any concerns, suggestions, etc. for the coming season. Whitney Ryan has contacted Jason Spooner about giving a concert. There is \$1,000 already in the General Fund budget for a Summer Concert. Details to be worked out. C.J. Kersten asked the Commissioners if they had any suggestions for the Village Improvement Society. A built in supply closet in the kitchen, that could be locked, was suggested as were “sides” for the Pavilion that could enclose it in inclement weather. Lisa Easter will contact Durant’s and Mr. Tent to inquire as to cost, installation specifics, etc. Lisa will also contact Eagle Electric regarding the installation of a light in the area where the grill is set up. She will also ask them about installing “covers” over the circuit breakers that should not be shut off. Tim Cook will invite Gary Fitzherbert to the March meeting to discuss his fundraising ideas for the fieldwork that has been discussed at previous meetings. C.J. Kersten and Tim Cook asked Lisa to order clay for the baseball fields to be delivered the end of March. C.J. will also speak to Dave Swanson regarding the maintenance of the fields and fertilization – requesting

cost estimates, etc.

\* Diving Clinic:

Mariah Hofman, who spoke to the Commission regarding her Senior Project Diving Clinic, will attend the March meeting to report on how it went. Lisa Easter reported that she knew there were at least 15 children participating.

\* FOI Training:

Sheila Anson reported that Tom Hennick, of the State's FOI Commission gave a workshop to Town employees and Commissioners last month that was very informative. Minutes of that meeting, which highlighted important guidelines, were distributed.

\* 2013-2014 Budget:

Lisa Easter distributed a budget worksheet for the 2013-2014 budget. She and any interested Commissioners will meet with the Board of Selectmen on March 13th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss and review. The proposed budget is showing no increase from last year.

\* Region #12 Security – Adult Morning Swim:

As a result of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, Region 12 schools have begun to implement new security measures. Robert, "Rocky" Tomlinson has offered to monitor the door at Shepaug School for the early morning swimmers. Lisa Easter will send a letter to the morning swimmers explaining the need for the door monitor and requesting they pay \$25 a month to cover the cost. Once their fee is paid they will be issued passes. There is currently \$285 in "Morning Swim" which, along with funds in "Miscellaneous", will be used to pay Rocky until the fees are collected. Lisa also explained that registration fees for any afternoon and/or evening programs might need to be increased to cover security monitors.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Lisa Easter reported:

\* Mohegan Sun Bus Trip:

March 17th – currently has 24 people signed up. 30 are needed to break even. This should not be a problem.

\* Summer Camps:

Work has begun!

\* Website:

Up and running with just a few more "bugs" needing to be worked out. Lisa is also working on making it possible to register and pay on line for various programs.

\* Karate:

USA Martial Arts has informed Lisa that there will be a new instructor. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Fireworks:

Ray Reich asked the Commissioners if they wanted to do the annual 4th of July celebration again this year. There was a unanimous “Yes!” 4th of July falls on a Thursday this year – there will be no rain date. He has spoken with the Fireworks company and agreed on the same price, same shooter.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

C.J. Kersten reported the following:

\* Happy February Birthdays: Lisa Easter – February 2nd and Whitney Ryan – February 14th.

\* Expressions of Sympathy to the DeCourcy Family on the passing of Bob – a Stephen Reich Award recipient as well as a long time, dedicated volunteer and member of our community.

\* Sorry about the “49ers”, Sunny Duke!

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene, Clerk