

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021

7:00pm

Zoom Meeting

**Present:** Nancy Corcoran, Commissioner; Chris Hardy, Commissioner; Hema Santhanakrishnan, Commissioner; Steve Trimble, Commissioner; Joe Will, Commissioner; David Martin, Select Board Liaison; Melissa Rier, Recreation Director. Absent: None.

**Opening:** Steve Trimble opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

### **I. Regular Business**

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from April 13th, 2021:  
Joe moved and Hema seconded to accept the April 13, 2021 meeting minutes.  
Roll call: Hema, yes; Will, yes; Nancy, yes; Chris, yes; Motion approved, 4-0.
2. Citizen Concerns: None to report. Joe reported that Nancy Corcoran received the Colonel Francis Faulkner, Sr., Volunteer of the Year award.
3. Reports:
  - a) Fields and Facilities: Melissa went over the Town of Acton's Fields and Facilities locations and amenities.
  - b) Rail Trails: None to report.
  - c) Events: Recreation had their first event since February of 2020. There was a good turnout to the Pirate Party for children and families. The Recreation Department received great feedback from the participants.
  - d) Community Preservation Committee:
    - CPA Projects;
      - NARA Sports Pavilion: \$240,000 was awarded to this project.
      - Jones Playground Renovation: \$115,000 was awarded to this project.
        - Arbor Day Event: Held on Earth Day, and a tree was planted at Jones Field.
        - Sign and Bricks: Recreation ordered the sponsorship bricks and welcome sign for Jones Playground.
      - Gardner Playground Renovation: Received 100,000 for just playground equipment. There has been feedback from the CPC about adding something for teenagers at this park.
      - Gardner Public Forum: A Zoom Public Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021.
      - Elm Street Court Renovation: Funding was not approved for this project. Crack repair is considered maintenance.

- Dog Park: Funding was not approved for this project.

## **II. New/Special Business**

4. April Vacation Program Recap: Melissa reported that it was the most successful vacation program to date, with 3 out of the 4 days completely sold out.

5. All Town Buildings Opening to the Public: All Town buildings opened to the public, starting on May 3, 2021.

6. Election of Recreation Commission Secretary: Joe moved and Chris seconded for Chris Hardy to take on the role as the Clerk of Recreation Commission. The role of the Clerk is to take role calls, be back-up to the Chair, and take meeting minutes. It was also discussed that the liaison to CPC should be more vocal and be more involved in discussions backing up the projects that the recreation department requested funds for.

## **III. Consent Items: None**

Chris gave a brief presentation on Kelley's Corner Community Center project.

Adjournment: At 9.22pm Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chris seconded. Roll call: Will, yes; Santhanakrishnan, yes; Trimble, yes; Corcoran, yes; Hardy, yes. The motion was approved 5-0.

