

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021
7:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Present: Hema Santhanakrishnan, Commissioner; Joe Will, Commissioner; Steve Trimble, Commissioner; Melissa Rier, Recreation Director.

Absent: David Martin, Board of Selectman Liaison; Chris Hardy, Commissioner.

Opening: Joe Will opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

I. Regular Business

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021:

Joe moved, and Steve seconded, to accept the January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Santhanakrishnan, yes; Will, yes; Trimble, yes. The motion was approved, 3-0.

2. Citizen Concerns: Nothing to report. There was no public comment.

3. Reports:

a) Fields and Facilities: Melissa got approval for a new seasonal position titled Recreation Assistant. The new employee will handle duties with office administration, program coordination, facility rentals, and helping with events. There was no public comment.

b) Rail Trails: Nothing to report. There was no public comment.

c) Events: All events are being monitored on a case-by-case basis with regard to COVID-19. There was no public comment.

d) Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”):

- CPA Project Updates:

- *NARA Sports Pavilion:* Nothing to report. There was no public comment.

- *Jones Playground Renovation:* The presentation to CPC went well and the Recreation Department is now waiting to see if the funding will get approved. Steve’s opinion is that Bill Alesbury might have some issues with the budget. Melissa said she will forward to the Planning Department the current project budget. There was no public comment.

- *Gardner Playground Renovation:* There was a long discussion at the CPC presentation. Melissa said the Jones and Gardner budgets are quite similar; the key difference is that the request for Jones has been spread out and thus looks smaller compared with Gardner. There was no public comment.
- *Elm Street Court Renovation:* The construction company has denied the proposed agreement to use the courts as a parking lot in exchange for renovating the courts. Since this deal is off the table the Recreation Department is continuing to request CPA funding. An alternative solution would be to fill in the cracks at a cost of about \$10,000. There was no public comment.

II. New/Special Business:

4. COVID-19: Nothing to Report. There was no public comment.

5. **Consent Items:**

None.

Adjournment: At 7:36pm Joe moved, and Steve seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Will, yes; Santhanakrishnan, yes; Trimble, yes. The motion was approved, 3-0.