



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, November 16, 2017

Present: Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Chris Valois, Veronica Weisman
Guests: Jeff Schlossberg, Dave Russo
Staff: Linda Berger, Jonathan Lewitus, Maura Palm

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 6:35pm

Welcome to Jon Lewitus –new Assistant Recreation Director: A warm welcome extended to Jon as he begins his duties as the new Asst. Recreation Director beginning November 20th. All very excited for a new journey.

Guest Speakers

Jeff Schlossberg: Much discussion held about Pickleball. Wants to start a league-claims there is a large demand. Would like permanent nets and storage. Does not want to keep transporting equipment. Linda stated would get pricing on possible storage. Also wants debris cleared off courts. That is responsibility of participants, not the department. Would like indoor space but Community Education has the indoor space thru the winter so it is not possible right now. Jeff stated he'd like to get off his plate, however, Rec. Dept. not in position right now to take on.

Dave Russo: From Massapoag Yacht Club; discussed the racing program and the need to start the program earlier in the season. Need 2 people instead of 1 to instruct. Recreation Department to take over registrations. Good partnership/program.

Approval Minutes October Meeting: Steve Ferrara questioned kayak vendors –Linda to get pricing. Steve Lesco/Cheryl Whiting 2nd-all in favor-Veronica abstained as she was not here for the last meeting.

Director's Report: Linda stated that the brochure will be going out shortly for the winter programs. Held coaches clinic on November 4th for basketball that was very well received. The Department will revisit next year about possibly consolidating grades to accommodate for the decreasing numbers in the program. It was also discussed about consolidating gym time as there seems to be some wasted time being paid for. Registration is ongoing for December program.

Building have been winterized; awning has been removed and stored for the winter; docks have been secured and pulled in.

Master Plan: Reframing how to present

Beach Fees: Extensive discussion on fees and if Gunhouse gate to be staffed. Board not in favor of the public going through the gate without a pass. Linda asking for suggestions to present to the Board of Selectmen

and have the BOS make the final decision. Need to restructure categories as the number of categories is over the top. Possibly go back to the old system of buying car pass and anyone in car gets in.

Also, building another 36 kayak racks and possibly putting some at the Community Center beach.

Motion: No gateguard and no walk thrus – Steve Ferrara/put gateguard & must have pass-Cheryl Whiting; Gary motioned; Chris 2nd-all in favor- zero opposed.

Motion on fees as presented by Linda: Steve Ferrara; all in favor- zero opposed.

Port-O-Potty: possibly put gateguards on weekends-Memorial Day thru last day of school just to clean bathrooms.

Motion: Open 1-7 on close of school; Memorial Day just attendant for baths-Chris Valois/Steve Lesco 2nd; all in favor – zero opposed.

Old Business: None

Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50pm Rich Schantz/Steve Lesco-all in favor

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 21, 2017