



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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SECTION 23A AS AMENDED.

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, December 21, 2017

Town Clerk

Present: Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Chris Valois, Rahul, Rick Schantz, Ro Desai
Staff: Linda Berger, Jonathan Lewitus, Maura Palm

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

Introduction of New Member: Ro Desai – welcome him to committee. Looking forward to working with him.

Approval Minutes November Meeting: Steve Lesco-first; Cheryl Whiting second; all in favor: Ro Desai abstained.

Director's Report: Linda met with Dr. Greer, Superintendent of Schools. They discussed the possibility of not charging rent to use each other's facilities. The Superintendent said she would attend a future Recreation meeting. Want to try to work together and do the right thing for all. Try to get some more programming up and running at the Community Center would be beneficial for all. Ro stated he'd like to have some input regarding spring break programming. Pricing can sometimes be a problem. Linda stated that the vendors are the ones who set pricing. The spring/summer guide will be out in February. Results on open space and recreation survey. Joint meeting with Conservation Commission in the future.

Update on Basketball: Jon said everything is going well with the basketball league. He said going forward, he'd like more control over the schedules. High School league will be starting after the New Year. Stars program also starting after New Year. Some discussion on cost of program. Some think it is too high. Maura stated it is approximately the same cost in Easton.

Inquiries: John Altieri would like to donate a bench in someone's memory at Memorial Park Beach. Recreation Advisory Committee makes a recommendation on what type goes there and the Selectmen have the final say.

Motion to recommend to BOS: Would need to get benches that are uniform. Much discussion on type, cost, wording, etc. Linda to make up form for requests. Need to have balance of where the benches would go and where beach goes sit.

Steve Lesco: first; Chris Valois: second; all in favor; zero opposed

Beach Fees: Open Forum will be held on January 23, 2018. Linda to post on January 2, 2018 proposed beach fees. Due to budgetary constraints it doesn't look as if town can absorb beach costs. Rick Schantz wants clarity on who made the decision not to put in the tax base. Linda to send out narrative to the Committee so they can look over and provide feedback by end of following week.

Old Business: Ethics certification need to be done. Kayak (Adventure Activities) to be invited to meeting to discuss how kayak rentals will work for summer of 2018.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: January 18, 2018

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58PM; motion to adjourn: Steve Lesco/ Chris Valois; all in favor, zero opposed