



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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SECTION 23A AS AMENDED.

Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, October 26, 2017

Present: Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Margaret Marder
Staff: Linda Berger, Maura Palm

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

Approval of September minutes: All in favor; zero opposed

Director's Report: Linda stated that Jonathan Lewitus will be starting as Asst. Rec. Director on November 20, 2017-looking forward to meeting him at the November 16th meeting. Discussed special events; Pumpking Carving very well attended (need more help with large events); upcoming Trunk or Treat (possible cancellation of event due to weather concerns).

Program Guide: keeping it simple-is ready to go to print-offering free beach pass to contest winner (best photo for cover).

Linda announced Brian Stratton had passed away suddenly-very respected musician and performed at several of our summer concert series.

Discussion on continued progress on major recreation projects, i.e. surfacing @ Ames St., Community Center; contact New Friends of the Playground to discuss future endeavors @ playground.

Margaret Marder announced her resignation from the Committee. All thanked her for her many years of service on the board. Will be tough to replace.

Basketball Updates: Linda spoke w/Bruce Needle-would like recreation representation for travel league. Discussion on demographic change and possibly combining grades next year. Basketball schedule is now online.

Sailing Program: Dover Sherborn to bring their program here March-Memorial Day; discussion on what to charge and how program will evolve. Vote taken to accept program: All in favor-zero opposed.

Beach Fees: Much discussion on how to proceed next years to simplify pass system. Taking into consideration people's concerns regarding cost, need of car & person pass, etc. Possibly going back to car pass and anyone in car getting in. Linda going to put together several scenarios for proposal. Going to build more kayak racks for next year. Linda also getting kayak vendor to do rentals next season. Different fees being talked about. Cheryl wanted to go on the record as opposed to charging 5 years and over \$20.00 per tag-s/b older.

City Hall Systems fees will be reduced substantially if pass system is changed. Need maintenance staff at the town beaches. Want to put in budget for next year.

Old Business: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: November 16, 2017 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Lesco-all in favor; zero opposed

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03pm