



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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SECTION 23A AS AMENDED.

Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

Sharon Community Center

Thursday, November 17th

7:05pm-8:45pm

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

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 7:05pm

Approval of October minutes-Margaret Marder approved, Steve Lesco Second. All in favor, zero opposed

Present: Sharon Youth Soccer- Kerry Soby and Paul Driscoll-Kerry discussed increase in Recreation Levels and Travel also growing. Field space desperately needed. Vandalism a growing problem along with barrels being dumped and dog waste. Discussed possibility of putting a camera on tree to possibly catch vandalism on film. Question about taking Gavin's Field offline to seed and rest. Youth Soccer proposed banner sponsorships. RAC recommended Soccer draft proposal to share with BOS. Approval-Gary will recommend to BOS-Steve Lesco approved/Margaret Marder Second. All in favor, zero opposed.

Email questioning where spectators watch soccer. Linda will send Kerry contact information to address concerns. Soccer Assoc. suggested RAC come to Gavin's on a Saturday to look at parking concerns.

Director's Report- Director thanked all who participated in a very successful Trunk or Treat and congratulated Tim Farmer on being this year's winner.

Winter guide has been received, sent to homes and posted online. We have some exciting programs for December vacation week and otherwise.

Christine discussed the basketball program. Evaluations done this week and then teams will be made.

Christine also stated could use more coaches for the program. Program numbers are a little low, but will pick up a few more players between now and start of season.

Ames Street Concession Stand project completed. Thanks to Matt Baldassari.

Discussion on Beech Tree Park Concert Series-have more hands to help out with series and looking for sponsors for both of our concert series.

Holding meeting for Ames Street Playground project on November 30th-give project update-hopefully will be able to purchase components in timely manner while discounts are available.

Recommendations to BOS

- i. **Lake Massapoag Reservation Form**-Motion to approve Lake Massapoag Reservation form with recommended wording changes – Gary motioned-Margaret Marder-yes w/changes/Cheryl Whiting Second. All in favor-zero opposed
- ii. **Lake Massapoag Fee Structure**-Revising fee structure for beach fees for 2017. Sub-committee did extensive work to restructure as minimum wage is increasing and hope to better position lifeguard staffing at VMB. Discussed possibly using Community Center Beach as use for kayak storage & moorings. Would like to meet w/BOS before February 6th to present, as final Spring/Summer Program guide is due at that time. Motion to approve plan with recommended changes to application and go before BOS-Margaret Marder/Cheryl Whiting Second. All in favor-zero opposed.

Old Business

- a. **Master Plan Follow Up** – Gary asked Linda to put together components of our portion and give update.

Group Photo – Next meeting as all were not present

Other Business that the committee wishes to discuss that was not known 48 hours in advance – Gary stated he and Linda met w/BOH – Linda said new changes for next summer. Testing to be done on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Will contract G&L Labs to conduct all tests so they're conducted the same way each time with little variance, by experts in the field. If first test comes back high, will immediately retest. If second result comes back high beach will close beach immediately. This falls within regulations of BOH and Recreation Dept will post signage at the lake so testing results are clearly indicating when tests come back high.

Adjourn – 8:45pm – Steve Lesco and Margaret Marder, Second. All in favor, zero opposed