



# TOWN OF SHARON

## MEETING NOTICE

### RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 39 SECTION 23A AS  
AMENDED.

Town Clerk

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#### LOCATION OF MEETING: SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER

#### DATE & TIME:

April 19, 2018

6:30pm

Minutes

**Members:** Gary Bluestein, Ro Desai, Cheryl Whiting, Chris Valois, Steve Lesko

**Recreation:** Linda Berger, Jon Lewitus

**Call to Order,** 6:35pm

**Approval of March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes:** Motion to approve: Cheryl Second: Steve L. All in favor, zero opposed.

**Guest: Superintendent of Sharon Public School, Dr. Victoria Greer:** Did not attend.

**Guest: Joe Grant, Race Director, Maximum Performance Triathlon:**

-370-390 participants in 2017. Participation has been steady over the past few years.

-The location is ideal, and would like to continue the course currently in place.

-Max Performance attended Race Mania at BU to advertise race.

-Swim across Lake Massapoag as a separate event. This would have to go to selectmen.

**-Motion to run the event on August 12-proposed by Chris, unanimous.**

**Guest: Community Gardens: Members:** Stuart Raifman, Susan Segaloff and Ronny Goldstein

-Dave Berger is the coordinator

-They are in the middle of trying to start up the garden. Weather has caused delays.

-75 gardeners 2017, 11 non-resident

-Charging a 10% fee for non-resident

-Unhappiness with the orange fence. People do not want fences at all. Can they get a large fence to incase the entire garden? Gary Bluestein proposed that CG come up with a proposal and bring it back to RAC to review.

-They would like a permanent structure such as a greenhouse.

-Request to ask for wood chips to help with dust control and trash receptacle to be kept at Community Garden area.

- Members shared the garden is one of the most diverse groups in Sharon. As a result they are struggling with communication issues.

**Email concern: Swimming across the lake:** Linda informed RAC that she received a citizen concern regarding people swimming across the lake and the danger it poses as often times they are not dragging a float. This is dangerous especially at dusk. Cheryl suggested we have safe swimming signage at kiosks. RAC suggested Linda seek guidance from Board of Selectman as to town recommendations.



## **Directors Report:**

Highlights of report reviewed.

-April vacation is in full swing with successful programs being offered by Viking Sports, Adventure Activities USA, and Common Sense Chess.

-Overall discussion of Community Center facility space. How do we balance weekend use along with facility reservations? Offer more programs? Issues with custodial coverage and layout of building to offer recreation programs with appropriate spaces.

-Kayak racks have been completed by Chris Valois, they will be picked up from his house week of 4/23. Chris will construct two additional racks in order to accommodate the wait list.

-Rec is taking over the flag football program. Offering fall season.

-Chris Valois would like department to start a street hockey league.

-Fishing Derby- May 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-10:30am. Rick Ripley will run it. Todd Arnold has helped secure generous donation by Massapoag Sportman Club. Sponsors such as Dicks and Bass Pro have been asked to support event.

## **Old Business**

### **Bench Donation Approval**

Bench will be placed by tree on beach side of path by Gunhouse. Location was reviewed at prior meeting. Specs of bench approved and will be finished in Bethel White.

**Motion: The Recreation Advisory Committee recommends approval of the purchase and install of a memorial bench at Veteran's Memorial Park Beach at the request of resident John Altieri, with the following engraved, "In loving memory of Steven & Rita Altieri" by Steve Lesco, second by Cheryl Whiting, Unanimous**

**Other Business** that the committee wishes to discuss that was not known 48 hours in advance

Linda updated the Recreation Advisory Committee on the steps needed to accept donations for the Ezra Schwartz Pavilion at Ames Street. First step is to create a donation account in the projects name and then Ruth Freeman can begin to advertise and collect monies.

**Motion to recommend- The Recreation Advisory Committee recommends the Town of Sharon create an account for the purpose of collecting donations to build the *Ezra Schwartz Memorial Pavilion* at Ames Street Playground. This initiative will be led by resident, Ruth Freeman.**

**Motion by Cheryl Whiting, second by Chris Valois-Unanimous.**

**Adjourn**, Meeting called to end at 9:02pm