



# TOWN OF SHARON

## MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

**Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Sharon Community Center**  
**Thursday, October 18, 2018**

**Present:** Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Ro Desai, Chris Valois, Judy Crosby (School Representative)  
**Staff:** Linda Berger, Maura Palm

**Call to Order** – Gary called meeting to order at 6:32pm

**Approval of September minutes:** Steve Ferrara/Steve Lesco: All in favor; zero opposed

### **Directors Report:**

Department sent out school newsletters through elementary schools with information about upcoming programs.

Flag Football program is coming to a close. Great first year program with Jons leadership. High School players have been terrific. Program ends last Sunday in October.

Jon has joined the Travel Basketball Board.

Beach Improvements look great.

Ames Street Playground gate is now fixed.

Upcoming Trunk or Treat: Being held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Still looking for vehicles to participate.

Jon to go to Supervisor's School first week in November in West Virginia.

Cameras being installed at Memorial Park Beach/Ames Street Playground; Playground element also being installed; pad being poured first of November.

Gary stated he has to go before the Board of Selectmen to give update on the Committee.

**2019 Beach Fees:** Much discussion summer 2019 season. Minimum wage will increase to \$12 per hour starting January 2018 and \$.75 per year until 2023, reaching \$15/hour. We believe we can hold fees steady in 2019 but will have to be revisited for the 2020 season. Discussion on possible restructure of beach hours and gates being staffed as weather is not all that good in the spring last few years. Possibly staff at 8:45am instead of 10AM at VMPB on weekends. Gunhouse gate being staffed this year was experimental-discussed whether this was feasible to continue. Cheryl stated she liked idea of gates being staffed earlier and have lifeguards begin at 10AM. Pre-season to be shorter hours – as weather has not been great during May/June. A maintenance person is needed in our department and has been added to the Beach expenses to handle projects that DPW does not have the time to do.

**Approval Use of Facility for Business Purposes:** Discussion on use of public grounds for private gain. Non-profits can apply for a reduced rate.

Motion to approve change in wording of Facility for Business Purposes: Chris/Steve L; All in favor-zero opposed.

**Other Business:** Judy Crosby discussed the girls' robotics club (boys are welcome also). They were told there would no longer be a club which has 28 girls signed up. Linda stated the Recreation Department would be happy look into alternatives if Mr. Whipple wanted to discuss.

**Old Business:** Discussion on future Square Jam-discussion on new locale – possible Memorial Park Beach. Other town departments to bring forth their ideas for its' future location. The Board of Selectmen to make final decision as to where it will be held.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:52 PM; Chris V. /Cheryl – all in favor-zero opposed

**Next Meeting:** November 15, 2018 @ 6:30PM (SYBSA to be invited)