



# TOWN OF SHARON

## RAC Minutes

Town Clerk

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### Recreation Advisory Committee

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Sharon Community Center

**DATE & TIME:** Sept 19, 2013

#### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Gary Bluestein Chair; Steve Lesco; Margaret Marder; Steve Ferrara; Rick Schantz; Katie Dykeman; Mike Goldstein; Amanda Levasseur, Recreation Director; Christine Kasparian, Assistant Recreation Director.

**7:00pm Call to Order at Community Center**

**Minutes approved – Rick Accepted– Steve/Margaret**

Minutes accepted from May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and June 20, 2013

**Assistant Director's Report – Christine Kasparian**

Highlights please see report.

30 Programs were run over the summer and all but 2 or 3 were actively participated.

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> : New event : Wine and Paint night out  
24 were registered already

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> :Dinner and show

Broadening types of programs along with the number of programs offered.

Increased activities for preK soccer and Tball

Cooking classes are also being considered.

More activity with public relations in Sharon Patch than with Sharon Advocate social sites are starting to pick up. Doing a lot of pr for the upcoming programs and departments.

Camp program: had some issues with no concrete rule policy in effect. Need to develop a behavior agreement.

### **Director's Report**

Kayak program begun this summer was considered a success and hoping to renew for next year, looking to expand it as well.

Discussion regarding kayak storage on town property, it is a legal issue- needs a hold harmless agreement, Amanda will talk to Town Counsel.

Still having discussion about keeping gates closed at beach.

When are they to close? Issues about the shoulder season.

Will recap summer and changes suggested.

Amanda will look at recommendation for school parking at Memorial Beach how to do it fairly and issues because of snow in the winter and lots having to be closed.

### **Weed Issue** (end June thru present)

Invasive weeds (Fanwort and others) have been discovered in two of the coves ongoing discussion about treatment a State agency will evaluate the situation. Amanda is to meet with conservation in order to train and deal with the weed issue and how to implement a program to keep it out of the Lake in the future.

Geese fencing - discussion and what needs to be done< Amanda has worked with Conservation, Board of Health and Lake Management to come up with a solution to the geese issue, lot's of fencing tried some easy to set up other not so, will work on a solution before the start of next season

**Sacred Heart** - After many meetings on what to do with the new open space where the building use to stand the Sacred Reuse Committee had a design team come up with a plan and the Town is doing the work in house.

### **Refund Policy**

There is currently no policy in place to deal with refunds, both Amanda and Christine are working on a policy and any suggestions should be sent to them to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **2013 Summer Programs**

Amanda handed out a recap of the 2013 Summer programs the committee spent time going over each program starting with the Waterfront, Camp, Sailing etc. The Recreation Dept had a very good year both from a financial view and from a participants view. The Committee was very pleased and looks forward to continued growth from the program in the future.

Their was some discussion on the format of the financial presentation Amanda will work on that for the future.

Tabled to a future meeting was a discussion on Dates of openingthe beach and size of the workforce.

The sailing program used revenue generated to purchase new boats and equipment.

**Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn 10:06pm

Margaret Marder  
Second Rick Schantz

Unanimous decision to adjourn.