

**New Shoreham Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2010**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road**  
**8:15 a.m.**

**Present:** Members: Chair John Cullen, Ann Hall, Gail Heinz, Janet Merritt, Sarah Cook, and Christopher Willi. Absent: Tim Clark. Also present was Terri Chmiel for the recording of minutes and Director Robert Closter.

Chair John Cullen called the meeting to order at 8:17a.m.

**Welcome New Board Member**

Mr. Cullen welcomed Christopher Willi to the Board, who was newly appointed by the Town Council.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Approve Minutes for April 13, 2010**

This item was tabled to the next meeting

**Correspondence**

No Correspondence

**Old Business**

**(a) Conceptual Plan**

Director Closter discussed the link from the Narragansett newspaper regarding the Narragansett pavilion plan.

**(b) Outstanding Fees**

Director Closter reported that of the \$16,000.00 billed in fees \$7,200 is outstanding. He reported that he has worked out payment plans with some of the parents.

**New Business**

**(a) Programming**

- Adult Volleyball and Softball League will begin soon
- Little League is up and running with 45 kids

**(b) Fred Benson Town Beach**

Director Closter reported on the Town Beach:

- Power washing and a new coat of paint
- Showers and the water have been turned on
- Lifeguards and rental staff have been hired
- Town Beach will open Memorial Day weekend – open weekends until race week

Director Closter submitted a photo of the roof and discussion ensued. Mr. Cullen asked about the mats and Dir. Closter replied that the RFP would capture the flow of traffic. Mr. Willi discussed using a slightly different token for the showers to differential the usage of beach from harbors.

**(c) Summer Camps**

An ad will run in the Block Island Times for Camp Mohegan and Sport Camps to try and increase enrollment.

**(d) Heinz Field**

Director Closter reported that Mike Shea will mow and maintain Heinz Field. The walking path around the field is gone due to lack of maintenance.

**(e) Rec Center**

Discussion ensued about Steve Hollaway, pastor of the Baptist Church, operating the Rec Center. Director Closter reported that the Town has a two year lease until August 2012. Ms. Hall stated that the program is successful in which the board agreed.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m. in a motion by Ms. Hall seconded by Ms. Heinz and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: