

**New Shoreham Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, September 28, 2010**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road**  
**8:15 a.m.**

**Present:** Members: Chair John Cullen, Ann Hall, Gail Heinz, Tim Clark, Sarah Cook, and Christopher Willi. **Absent:** Janet Merritt. 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.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Approve Minutes for April 13, 2010 and May 18, 2010**

A motion was made by Ms. Hall and seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the minutes of April 13, 2010. The motion carried with all in favor.

5 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Clark, Willi and Cook)      Nays 0  
2 Absence (Heinz, Merritt)

A motion was made by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the minutes of May 18, 2010.

4 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Willi and Cook)      Nays 0  
2 Absence (Heinz, Merritt)  
1 Abstain (Clark)

Ms. Heinz joined the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

**Correspondence**

A letter was received from Pastor Steven Hollaway of the Harbor Baptist Church. Mr. Cullen informed the board that he scheduled a meeting with Mr. Hollaway for Friday September 24, 2010 at 9:00am. Mr. Hollaway did not attend and Mr. Cullen tried to reschedule another meeting before the Rec meeting of September 28, 2010. Mr. Cullen had hoped to address the letter and discuss achieving common goals between the Rec Department and the Church. Discussion ensued regarding:

- What would be best for the kids
- Condition of the Rec Center
- Keep Town and Church programs separate
- Materials and equipment from the pottery program removed by Friday afternoon before the kids meet in the Rec center
- Church renewing the lease

The Rec Director along with the board agreed to send a letter to Pastor Steven Hollaway of the Baptist Church and cc the letter to the Baptist Church Executive Board addressing the items in his letter.

## **Old Business**

### **(a) Conceptual Plan**

Director Closter reported that Joe Dias head of DEM Planning and Development inspected Heinz Field, Ball O' Brien Park, and the Beach House. Dir. Closter met with Town Manager Nancy Dodge and Grant writer Heidi Tarbox to discuss putting together matching grants for these facilities.

Mr. Clark left the meeting at 8:47 am

### **(b) Outstanding Fees**

Dir. Closter reported that \$4,000.00 in fees is still outstanding from last year. Another \$10,000.00 has been billed out and total collections outstanding are \$6,000.

## **New Business**

### **(a) Rec Center**

This item was discussed under correspondence.

### **(b) Programming**

Dir. Closter discussed in the past that programs were mailed to box holders and due to cost and poor response the fall/winter programs are now available on-line, in the Rec. Director's office, and posted at the school.

### **(c) Summer Review**

Dir. Closter reported that all the numbers were up in the sports camps. (Numbers are attached to the minutes). One person picked up the package deal; because, of the little response this will not be offered in the future.

- Camp Mohegan had a great return staff this year. Champlins denied the use of the pool.
- The Triathlon capped out at 450 registered individuals; 150 - 200 individuals were turned away. A few changes to the triathlon would allow more participants to enter by: starting the race earlier in the morning, charter a ferry boat on the day of the race and changing the staging area.
- The Beach House generated \$94,000 in shower tokens and rentals and will net around \$28,000 to \$30,000. The Beach House does not meet the needs of increased traffic.
- Summer Sports programs included: youth basketball, adult basketball, adult beach volleyball, and adult soccer.

### **(d) Heinz Field Maintenance**

Director Closter reported that the walking path has been fixed. Dir. Closter and Mike Shea will contact the Council regarding a weed control application that will save time and labor.

### **(e) Ball O'Brien Park**

A bathroom facility and picnic shelter would be a great addition to the park. The bathrooms would be located by the road. Dir. Closter recommended installing "2 hour parking signs" to help with the parking overflow from the Salt Pond Settlement. The

Lions Club expressed an interest in helping with the picnic area.

**(f) Capital Requests**

Heinz Field may be added to include the pump for the well.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. in a motion by Mr. Cullen seconded by Ms. Hall and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: