

**New Shoreham Recreation Board  
Tuesday, December 14, 2010  
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road  
8:15 a.m.**

**Present:** Members Chair John Cullen, Ann Hall, Gail Heinz, Sarah Cook, and Tim Clark. **Absent:** Christopher Willi. Also present was Recreation Director Robert Closter, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes for the recording of minutes, and Judy Tierney with the Block Island Times.

Chair John Cullen called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Approve Minutes for November 16, 2010**

A motion was made by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010. The motion carried with all in favor.

4 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Clark, Cook)	Nays 0
2 Absent (Heinz, Willi)	

Ms. Heinz joined the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Closter distributed a letter that he had written to the New Shoreham Employees Association again requesting a review of his job description.

**Old Business**

**(a) Recreation Directors Job Description**

Director Closter informed the board that he has made three requests to the Employees Association asking them to address his job description and has not had a response. The Town Manager and Employees Association are meeting on December 17, 2010 and he hopes that they will address it at that time.

**(b) Town Beach**

Director Closter reported that they had \$7,000 for the conceptual plan for the beach house renovation, and need an additional \$5,000, which will be requested in his Capital Budget request. He explained that if the funding is not granted then a request should be made to roll over the funds currently designated to the next fiscal year.

**(c) Heinz Field**

Director Closter stated that he would request that the additional \$25,000 needed to complete the well at Heinz Field be funded in the Capital Budget. He further stated that he has made a request to the Town Engineer to design a catch basin at the field.

**(d) School's Out Program**

Director Closter reported that there was only one child signed up for the School's Out program in December, therefore the program will be cancelled. It was suggested that the program be started up again in the spring.

**New Business**

**a) 2011 Meeting Dates**

The 2011 meetings dates were set as follows:

Tuesday, January 18, 2011	Tuesday, September 20, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Tuesday, October 18, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Tuesday, November 15, 2011
*Tuesday, April 12, 2011	*Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Tuesday, May 17, 2011	

\* The board will meet the second Tuesday in February and December, due to school break. The board will not meet in June, July and August.

**b) 2011 BI Triathlon**

Mr. Closter stated that the triathlon is currently capped a 450 participants and usually 150 – 200 are turned away. He explained that holding the race earlier in the day would allow for the following:

- A larger number of participants, generating an additional \$10,000.
- Quieter roads and beaches at race time.
- Lower temperatures for the participants.
- Increased safety.
- The use of the Town Beach parking lot as a bike stand.

He noted that the con was that there wouldn't be a crowd of spectators to cheer on the racers. He laid out the following options:

1. No change to the race time or structure.
2. Change the time to a morning start without a morning ferry option.
3. Change the time to a late morning start to allow racers to come over on the high-speed ferry.
4. Change the time to an early morning race time of 8:00 a.m., charter a 6:00 a.m. ferry and increase the registration fee by \$5.00 to cover the costs of the ferry.

Ms. Hall suggested rethinking the date and running the race earlier in July.

The Board will address this again at the next meeting. They thanked Mr. Closter for all of the work he put into researching the options.

**c) FY '12 Budget**

The draft Fiscal Year 2012 budget for the Recreation Department was reviewed with the following items highlighted:

- Last year's budget:
  - Revenues came in higher than expected.

- An extra week was added to the Camp Mohegan program which generated an additional \$4,000.
- The Town Beach made \$18,000 more than budgeted.
- 85% of the Recreation expenses are covered by its revenues: \$40,000 short of balanced.
- There is very little room to increase expenses.
- The rental equipment line was reduced for \$5,000 to \$2,000.
- The \$3,000 from the rental equipment will go to wages to cover additional staff that used to be covered by overtime.
- The beach house expense line was increased, as plumbing, power, garbage and annual septic inspection costs have increased.
- The beach house and bathroom maintenance lines have been combined.
- \$4,000 has been added to the Heinz Field equipment line for an infield groomer.

The budget will be adopted at the January meeting.

**Other Business**

Chair Cullen stated that he would like to see a community skating rink developed at the Ball O'Brien Park. Mr. Closter has preliminary looked into the purchase of a liner for such, with a cost of about \$2,000. Mr. Cullen stated that he would hope to purchase it with donations and install it with volunteers. Ms. Hall stated that she would approach the Lion's Club and the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to seek donations. Mr. Cullen and Judy Tierney pledged \$100 toward the project.

It was noted that Janet Merritt resigned from the Recreation Board. They may advertise the vacancy.

Mr. Closter stated that he had not received a reply regarding the use of the Recreation Center.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. in a motion by Ms. Heinz seconded by Ms. Cook and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Millie McGinnes

Minutes approved: January 18, 2011