

New Shoreham Recreation Board
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road
8:15 a.m.

Present: Chair John Cullen, Member Ann Hall and Alternate Christopher Willi. Also present were Recreation Director Robert Closter, and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes. Absent: Sarah Sue Deane, Tim Clark, Gail Heinz and Alternate Paul Henshaw.

Chair John Cullen called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approve Minutes for October 15, 2013

Ms. Hall moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2013. Mr. Willi seconded the motion and it carried.

3 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Willi (alternate)) 0 Nays 3 Absent (Clark, Heinz, Deane)

3. Correspondence

Mr. Closter stated that he sent an email to First Warden Gaffett with the board's charge that was approved last month. He noted that he has not yet received a response.

4. Director's Report

Recreation Director reported the following:

- Two DEM grant applications were approved for submission. 1) \$150,000 for Ball O'Brien Park bathrooms; 2) \$254,000 for the Fred Benson Town Beach.
- The picnic shelter engineering plans for the Ball O'Brien Park have been approved.
- Due to limited staffing, the Rec. Center is only open on Saturday nights. Enrollment may be opened up to include 6th grade – 12th grade to increase the number of participants.
- The Recreation Aide position has yet to be filled. Mr. Closter is filling in where he can, but it is leaving other tasks undone. Mr. Willi suggested using parent volunteers for some programs.

5. Old Business

a. Discuss 2014 Block Island Triathlon

Mr. Closter stated that Interstate Navigation is willing to run an early ferry on the day of the triathlon, which will allow a morning start time. Mr. Cullen noted that such should address the concerns of the community.

6. New Business

a. Discuss and act on Social Media

Mr. Willi stated that it would be extremely helpful to use social media for both communication with program participants and the promotion of programs. Discussion

ensued.

Mr. Willi moved to ask the Town Council, Town Manager and IT Manager to expedite the process that would allow the Recreation Department to use social media for communication. Ms. Hall seconded the motion and it carried.

3 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Willi (alternate)) 0 Nays 3 Absent (Clark, Heinz, Deane)

b. Discuss Expiring Members Terms

It was noted that members Tim Clark and John Cullen and alternate members Chris Willi and Paul Henshaw terms expire in December 2013. Mr. Willi stated that he was willing to continue to serve. Mr. Cullen spoke at length, stating that he did not want to continue to serve, as he could not see the results of the Board's efforts. The Board members thanked Mr. Cullen for his dedicated service.

c. Discussion 2015 Recreation Budget

Mr. Closter noted that he was working on the 2015 budget. Discussion ensued regarding Heinz Field maintenance and the full-time Recreation Aide position.

d. Discuss and Act on 2014 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for 2014 were set as follows:

- January 14, 2014
- February 11, 2014
- March 18, 2014
- April 15, 2014
- May 20, 2014
- June 17, 2014
- September 16, 2014
- October 21, 2014
- November 18, 2014
- December 16, 2014

The meetings will be held at 8:15 a.m. at Town Hall.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cullen made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and passed unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: December 17, 2013