

New Shoreham Recreation Board
Tuesday, December 17, 2013
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road
8:15 a.m.

Present: Chair John Cullen, Members Sarah Sue Deane, 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: Tim Clark, Gail Heinz and Alternate Paul Henshaw.

Chair John Cullen called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

1. Public Comment

Recreation Director Closter thanked member John Cullen for his service. Mr. Cullen stated that it was a pleasure to work with Rob Closter, he had tremendous respect for him and was impressed with his impact on the community.

2. Approve Minutes for October 15, 2013

Ms. Hall moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2013. Ms. Deane seconded the motion and it carried.

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

3. Correspondence

Mr. Closter noted that a letter was received from First Warden Gaffett stating that the Town Council would like the Recreation Board to meet with them at their January work session (discussed later in the meeting).

4. Old Business

a. Discuss 2014 Block Island Triathlon

Mr. Closter stated that the triathlon will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Interstate Navigation will run a chartered ferry, departing at 6:00 a.m. He noted that the registration fee has been increased from \$50 to \$60 to cover the cost of the charter. Mr. Willi suggested exploring finding corporate sponsors and vendors for the event to increase revenues.

b. Discuss Town Council meeting re: Social Media and Charge

It was noted that the Recreation Board will meet with the Town Council at their January 8, 2014 work session to discuss the board's charge. The board members will also follow up on the potential use of social media.

c. Discuss 2015 Recreation Budget

Mr. Closter explained that he prepared three budgets mirroring last year's submittals regarding Heinz Field maintenance: Option 1: Maintaining status quo; Option 2: Subcontracting out the maintenance; and Option 3: Adding an additional full time employee. The Board concurred that Option 3 was the best solution and they would discuss that when they met with the Town Council in January.

5. New Business

a. Discuss Recreation Center Enrollment

Recreation Director Closter noted that the enrollment at the rec. center had been very low, but it has increased over the past couple of weeks. He explained that the center is open on Saturday nights only, as the department is still looking to hire an aide. He noted that he has been unsuccessful in finding parent volunteers.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cullen made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and passed unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: February 11, 2014