

Town of Tiverton

Recreation and Beach Commission

343 Highland Road Tiverton RI 02878

Meeting Minutes

Organization: Recreation and Beach Commission

Date and Time: November 17, 2014 7:00pm

Location: Tiverton Town Hall
343 Highland Road
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Gary Rose. Members present were Gary Rose, Susan Zmich, Chris Roemlein, Kristen Plourde, Susan Gill, Tom Pearce and Keith Cory, Recreation Coordinator. John Cordeiro was absent.

Item #1 Secretaries Report

Minutes from October were reviewed and amendments noted. A motion was made by T. Pearce to accept minutes, second by C. Roemlein, vote unanimous to approve minutes as amended.

Item #2 Treasurer's Report

J. Cordeiro was absent. S. Gill reported that work to be done by Bill McGeough on fields was nearly completed. \$16,049 total funds needed are available in this year's budget, a motion was made by C. Roemlein to approve, second by S. Zmich, vote unanimous to approve. The bill for the Gazebo installation has been paid with DPW funds, but the discussion may include Recreation's reimbursement. G. Rose will speak with the Town Administrator to finalize details.

Item #3 Recreation Coordinator's Report

K. Cory discussed summer programs he would like to see coming this year along with successful programs from last summer; kayaking, windsurfing, tennis, cooking and jewelry class, lacrosse and special events. There was a brief discussion on how to budget for these programs by restructuring fee schedules. He would like all summer personnel to be CPR and First Aid certified this year, discussion on whether this is a requirement before hiring or paid for by Town funds once hired; further discussion required.

Item #4 Old Business

Christmas tree lighting discussion led by G. Rose; Sunday, December 7th at 5pm at Town Hall. C. Roemlein will arrange for THS band and singers to perform. G. Rose has hired a Santa for

\$150. G. Rose will coordinate with TFD and TPD for truck and escorts. S. Gill will locate tree lights and arrange for installation. C. Roemelin will arrange the refreshments and gifts for children. S. Zmich will design flyer for schools and arrange for distribution, will also arrange for several TMS children to assist as 'elves'. K. Plourde will oversee Food Bank drop off bin and get Santa hats for helpers. B. Pelleteir was present and was asked to repeat his performance of reading, he agreed. All members asked to meet at Town Hall at 3:30pm on the 7th to set up.

Annual calendar- monthly meeting changed to the 1st Monday of each month, excluding Monday holidays which would then be on Tuesday. Meetings will be held at the Town Hall at 6:30pm. K. Plourde made a motion to accept 2015 schedule, second by C. Roemlein, vote unanimous to approve. G. Rose will send schedule to Town Clerk prior to December 31, 2014.

G. Rose stated all outdoor building facilities have been closed down for the winter and pipes have been winterized and doors locked.

G. Rose postponed budget discussion at this time. A date and time for a special workshop to develop 2015-16 budget was scheduled for December 17, 2014 at 7pm at Town Hall.

G. Rose discussed stone wall repair work proposal submitted by Bill Sanford at Town Farm. It will be reconsidered in the Spring if funds are available.

S. Zmich reported that the wood benches at the lower soccer field at Town Farm are all in poor condition. They are situated on slopes and not used by players very often. She suggests they should be removed. There was some discussion if replacing them is necessary, the majority felt they are not worth saving or replacing and should be removed, no action was taken at this time.

Discussion by G. Rose regarding election of remaining officers and if Secretary position will continue. It was opined by several members that rotating the minute recordings was acceptable rather than ask one person to do them every time. A Vice Chair and Treasurer will be elected at the next regular meeting.

There was a group discussion as to how to thank Deb Ebbitt for years of service to Commission. C. Roemlein will have a plaque made along with a letter of thanks.

Soccer Complex update- G. Rose discussed DEM grant will again be available this year. He will follow up with Mike Janeck from soccer group. J. Cordeiro is again looking to establish a restricted account for fundraising, he was unavailable for comment.

G. Rose discussed Grinnell's Beach summer plans. It has been decided by the Town that it will be closed summer of 2015 for extensive work to abutment and beach. . B. Pelleteir discussed

plans for new trash/recycle receptacles at recreation sites in the Spring, \$20,000 is available for project which will include Grinnell's Beach.

Community Center- S. Gill reports it is necessary to clear all recreation items from the Community Center; supplies and equipment as well as paperwork in filing cabinets. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Pocasset field building possible storage area for equipment items.

Item #5 New Business

S. Gill presented idea for new marketing brochure to be produced by the Economic Development Commission this year. It will highlight the Fogland Beach area and the numerous water activities available at the site. After some discussion the group gave their support to the project and will be kept informed of the progress.

S. Gill presented an information packet about the self-contained restroom system by Clivus. B. Pelleteir endorses further exploration as a potential solution for the recreation sites in town. S. Gill will arrange for a presentation by the company.

S. Gill brought up the need for discussion of the night time lighting hours at Town Farm and Bulgarmarsh. They are currently on timers from 4:30pm- 10pm continuously at the skate park and from 4:30-10pm at the Town Farm walking track and tennis courts. These lights can be manually operated but once on will remain on until the 10pm shut off. This is felt to be required for safety and legal reasons as 10pm is the posted hour at both sites. C. Roemlein and G. Rose and T. Pearce opined that 10pm should be the lit time, while S. Gill opined that shorter winter hours should be considered. No change in hours were made.

Item #6 Next meeting and adjournment

Budget Meeting scheduled for December 17, 2014 as noted and next regular meeting scheduled for January 5, 2015 at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

A motion was made by K. Plourde to adjourn, second by C. Roemlein, unanimous vote to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Submitted by: Susan Gill

Approval date: 1/5/15