

# Town of Tiverton

## Recreation and Beach Commission

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### MEETING MINUTES

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**Organization:** Recreation and Beach Commission  
**Date and Time:** Wednesday May 13, 2015 @ 7pm  
**Location:** Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI 02878

**Meeting called to order** at 7:13pm

**Members in attendance:** Susan Gill, Susan Zmich, Kristin Plourde, Tom Pearce, & John Cordeiro (7:20arrv)

**Members Absent:** Chris Roemlein, Keith Cory

**Public Delegations:** Claudia Linhares and Mrs. Lima. Both wished to speak when their topics of interested were discussed. Brett Pelletier, Town Council member, was present.

**Item #1: Approval of Minutes** = 4/06/15 minor spelling & minor details corrections noted.

*\*A motion to approve minutes was made by Kristen Plourde and seconded by Tom Pearce.*

*Minutes Approved: FOR: KP,TP,SG,SZ.  
AGAINST: N/A.  
ABSTAIN: N/A*

**Item #2: Treasurer's Report** = John reviewed the expenses from April to May 4, 2015.

**Item #3: OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Field Use Fees reviewed and possible vote**

- Fees for Beaches and Summer Camp were approved at the previous Town Council meeting. Field use fees were given back to the TRC for continued assessment.
- Any new fees shouldn't be implemented until the Town Charter is changes allowing the field fees to go into a restricted account specifically for field maintenance. Brett P. spoke about the process of setting up a restricted account. The FTR resolution would be proposed in May 2016 and if approved would be good for 3 years.
- John Cordeiro has changed his mind about his vote on approving the field fees from last month. He wants the town to cover the field maintenance similar to how the tax payers pay for the library. Brett P. stated the library can be used by the public without restriction, the fields are geared toward specific sports and the general public cannot be used without restrictions, for example they are closed to the public use if a league is scheduled to be on the field.
- Claudia Linhares, TLL president, voiced her concern over any field fees and their impact on the town families. She handed out a report outlining the contributions from Tiverton Little League to the Town of Tiverton.
- Susan Gill presented a handout outlining the itemized expenses from May 2014-April 2015 for field maintenance provided by the town.

**B) RFP for food and beverage vendors: request to re advertise, vote**

- One RFP was received by a food vendor; therefore it is going out to bid again to see if more interest can be generated. The committee members are asked to reach out to Food, Beverage and Snack vendors and notify them of the RFP listed on the town website due May 28<sup>th</sup>. Any RFPs will be reviewed at the June meeting.

**C) Budget and FTR reviewed**

- The Total Expense Budget to Actual for 5/12/2015 was reviewed. The proposed Recreation Budget FY2016 showing the Department request and the Town Administration Recommended

budgets was reviewed.

**D) Summer Recreation programs reviewed, Facebook status**

- Mrs Lima, Tiverton resident, spoke of her disapproval of changing the half day Parks Program into the all-day Day Camp program.
- A Facebook page, while it could be a viable means of getting information out to the public, will not be pursued due to the amount of negative comments already present on other Tiverton Facebook pages.

**E) Soccer Complex update**

- John Cordeiro meet with the Stone Bridge Water Department to discuss the extension of the contract for the proposed soccer complex off of North Brayton Road. It was clarified that the SBWD idea of the complex was to be solely for soccer. SBWD was open to a contract extension and working directly with TYS. TYS was to research how Coventry leases their fields from their water district and manages their own fields.

**F) Field work report, possible vote**

- No discussion

**Item #4: NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Review of RFP for food vendor and vote**

- Restrictions for food vendors to present to the Town Council were discussed. Items for the vendor to comply with were: Proof of Insurance; License received from Town of Tiverton; 11am-7pm hours of operation; location of trucks to be on south side of 3 Rod Way--the beach side, not conservation side. Exact location to be determined by TRC;

*\*A motion to approve the food vendor restrictions as discussed was made by John Cordeiro and seconded by Kristen Plourde.*

*Motion Approved: FOR: KP,TP, SG,SZ,JC.*

*AGAINST: N/A.*

*ABSTAIN: N/A*

**B) Report on summer camp/clinic registration**

- Early June for next and final sign up.

**C) New signage at facilities, vote**

**Review of recreation ordinances with recommendations and possible vote**

- Grinnell's Beach signs to note Beach is Closed & No Lifeguard is On Duty. Limit trash receptacles.
- New signage at Fogland Beach & Town Farm to replace deteriorated signage. Images of all old signage were review & new signage was discussed.

*\*A motion to approve the purchase and installation of new signage as discussed was made by John Cordeiro and seconded by Kristen Plourde.*

*Motion Approved: FOR: KP,TP, SG,SZ,JC.*

*AGAINST: N/A.*

*ABSTAIN: N/A*

- Unsure why DPW still has not fixed fence at Bulgarmarsh.

**D) Beach supplies to purchase for summer, vote**

- Sticker style for town residents reviewed (¢.25), Business card style (¢.17) day tickets reviewed. Tickets to be handed out and cash box to match at end of each beach day. T-Shirts will not be distributed this year as the employees haven't worn them consistently in the past.
- Phil, DPW manager, has quoted \$325 to paint/repair gate house and picnic bench at Fogland.

**E) Town Farm and Bulgarmarsh bathroom update**

- Porta John at Town Farm costs \$214/month.
- Bulgarmarsh bathroom are being reviewed. Due to the vandalism last year any leagues that use this field will be given keys otherwise the restrooms will remain locked.
- 20 sets of trash/recycling cans to go to Bulgarmarsh/ Town Farm/ Fort Barton and South Field

from grant moneys set up by Brett P. Cost of concrete pads for proper mounting will be coming out of grant monies. Grinnell's to receive trash cans next year.

**F) Spring work to complete at facilities, possible vote**

- Fence repairs were quoted for Fort Barton Baseball field (\$950) and Town Farm Daniels fence repairs (\$750).

*\*A motion to approve the fence repairs as discussed was made by Kristen Plourde and seconded by Susan Zmich*

*Motion Approved: FOR: KP,TP, SG,SZ,JC.*

*AGAINST: N/A.*

*ABSTAIN: N/A*

- Pocasset fence repairs to wait for next fiscal year.

**G) AED disposition**

- AED turned over to TLL Safety officer Dave Pauli. He is setting up any required training and including TYS. He will be replacing the battery and pads and invoicing TRC for it.

**H) Subcommittee reports**

- Nothing to report

**Item #5: Recreation Coordinator Report** (Keith Cory was not present)

**Item # 6: Next meeting schedule/adjournment**

- The commission's next meeting will be on **Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:30pm**. Location TBD.

*\*A motion to adjourn was made at 10:03pm by Susan Zmich and seconded Tom Pearce*

*Motion Approved: FOR: KP,TP SG,SZ,JC.*

*AGAINST: N/A.*

*ABSTAIN: N/A*

Submitted by: Susan Zmich

Approval Date: June 1, 2015