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**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, February 12, 2018
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna and Jim Ogden and Gary Remley

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull

Guests: None

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes-Fred Testor made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting as presented. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor

Chairman's comments

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that he met with First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull and Russ Loudon and Bucky Riehl from Public Works regarding things that need to be fixed in town. Specific issues included the sign at the playground and it was suggested that a stone be purchased and the sign be moved. They discussed the lights at the marina with Shock Electric and it was suggested that another light be put on the pole in the parking lot. Docks at the marina and clay at the softball fields were also discussed.

The commission discussed the replacement of docks at the marina and it was noted that the approximate cost would be \$650,000 with an additional \$175,000 to install. There was a suggestion of possibly doing one finger at a time spaced over four years. The commission also discussed the purchasing of a tiller machine for the clay on the softball fields. The cost of this machine is approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000. There was a suggestion of checking with an outside company to see if they can do it instead of purchasing a machine.

Other issues mentioned at the meeting with Public Works included the fixing of the swim team dock railings, painting of the steps at the Rebel Turf and the policy for the use of the building at

Rebel Turf. Excel will do the clean up at the beach including cleaning up of the walls at north beach. Wood chips will be put in at the playground at the high school.

Director's update

Linda Lull noted that:

- Athletic Director Mary Stolle has requested that the concession stand at Rebel Turf be opened by March 24th for the Boy's Lacrosse Jamboree. Public Works said that they will open it the week before.
- Interviews are currently being held for the life guard and water front positions.
- An offer was made to a candidate for the position of Camp Director.
- Boat slip money is starting to come into the Parks and Rec office. Applications received before February 23rd will receive a \$50 discount.
- A permit application for the Illuminated Boat parade in July has been submitted.
- Waiting to receive an opinion from the town attorney regarding the liquor laws for the Sip and Stroll to be held on May 5th.

Subcommittee Reports

Beach House

- Fred Testor is meeting with the Permanent Building Commission on February 13th to discuss the Beach House. He is trying to get information from local companies regarding foundation work.

Fields

- Steve Burfeind spoke of the challenges of the timing and scheduling of the new Rebel Turf Lacrosse Field (John John Pendergast Field)
- The BOE put \$230,000 into their proposed budget for repair of the tennis courts at the high school. If it passes the budget, the repair will be done this summer.

Docks

- The chains at the dock are new.

Beach

- It will be determined if more sand is needed once the swim docks are in. Sean Loughran noted that he asked Public Works to clean out the gutters at the Beach House.
- Fred Testor noted that the Zoom Flume has been fixed twice. There was a brief discussion of a stage for this.
- There was a discussion of the possibility of hiring a parking attendant for the Town Beach for weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Lights at Boat Launch

Fred Testor made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,900 to replace the two flood lights at the Town Boat Launch and to add a light to the lower parking lot at the Town Beach. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor

Rock at playground

Tom Edwards made a motion to buy a new rock for the sign at the playground and put it in a more visible location. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor

Adjournment- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**