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SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, May 7, 2018
6:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden, Gary Remley, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Mike Ellenberg

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull and BOE members Kathy Baker and Greg Flanagan

Guests: None

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Public Comment- BOE Member Greg Flanagan thanked the commission on behalf of Girls' Softball for getting the fields ready for the season. He asked about the possibility of getting benches for both teams for softball. Sean Loughran will check with Mike Ellenberg about the possibility of getting benches.

BOE Member Kathy Baker spoke of a BOE initiative that will evaluate the possibility of later start times for the high school and possibly the middle school. She noted that if this was implemented, it would begin with the 2019-2020 school year. The BOE is looking for feedback from all members of the community and invited a member of the Parks and Rec Commission to volunteer on the committee. There was a discussion of the many affects of the later start times.

Approval of Minutes-Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting as presented. Fred Testor seconded the motion. **In favor:** Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Sean Loughran, Jim Ogden, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen **Abstained:** Mark Lamanna and Gary Remley

Chairman Comments- None

Building and Grounds

Sean Loughran noted that the docks are in place at the marina.

Linda Lull presented the commission with quotes for the spreading of mulch at the playground.

Fred Testor noted that Cocchiola paving will pave the basketball court at the playground.

There was a discussion of the cost of the spring clean up at the marina. The commission noted that they would like to know exactly what is being done with the clean up.

Fred Testor made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$820.00 to Botticelli Plumbing for the bypass filter system at Rebel Pavilion. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Linda Lull noted that there was a meeting with First Selectman Linda Lull, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy, Athletic Director Mary Stolle, Director of Building and Grounds Phil Ross and Russ Loudon and it was decided to have the pavilion cleaned six days a week instead of five as currently being done. There was a discussion of the cost of this and whether or not it is necessary and if this is done by Public Works or Parks and Rec. There was a suggestion of having a meeting with First Selectman Del Monaco to discuss this.

Town Beach

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,249.22 for the kit for the Zoom Flume deck for the Town Beach. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Benches

Linda Lull noted that New Fairfield had the Grand Prize winner in the Recycling Poster Contest. As a result, New Fairfield will receive a prize of \$1,000 to be used to purchase something out of recycling materials. There was a discussion of possibly using this for benches at the softball field or picnic tables at Hidden Valley. Sean Loughran will call Mike Ellenberg to get a price for the benches.

Sean Loughran made a motion approve using the Recycling Contest prize money to pay for benches at Memorial 2 Softball field made out of recycled materials. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Illuminated Boat Parade

Linda Lull noted that the Illuminated Boat Parade scheduled for July 13th (raindate July 14th) has been approved by the CLA and DEP. There was a discussion of the list of rules and the map of the route. The prize of the winner will be a \$50 gift card to a restaurant of the winner's choice.

Sip and Stroll

The 1st Annual Sip and Stroll will be held on Saturday, May 12th. The glasses are \$25 each and can be purchased the day of the event at the Town Hall Conference Room. The Parks and Rec commission will give out water bottles. Linda Lull spoke of the many vendors that will be there. There will be two baskets raffled off.

Boat Launch

Linda Lull spoke of an email that she received from a resident regarding a concern about parking at the boat launch. It was noted that six launch spots have been purchased. There was a discussion of how to address this.

Camp Director

Linda Lull noted that there is still a need for a Camp Director for two weeks in August.

Adjournment- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15pm. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**