

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Mike Evans, Gary Remley and Fred Testor

Members Absent: Tom Edwards, Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Public Comment- Joel Bouchard, Gary Peck and Jeff Newman spoke of the proposal to move some of the boats at the marina to inside slips.

Approval of Minutes- Fred Testor made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2015 special meeting as presented. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion approved- Gary Remley abstained)

Chairman comments- Boat slips will be discussed at tonight's meeting. The staging for Groovin' in New Fairfield will be discussed at the next regular Parks and Rec meeting.

Box Lacrosse field discussion

High School student Noah Alviti along with his father, Eric Alviti and coach Marty Morgan gave a presentation regarding a proposal to create a box lacrosse field at the high school behind Rebel Turf. This field would be approximately 200 feet long and 100 feet wide and enclosed with walls that would be approximately 8 feet high. This field could be used for lacrosse, soccer, field hockey and other sports. It was noted that there are several interested parties willing to contribute to this project and it was suggested that it be made in memory of John Pendergast Jr. The labor and equipment needed for this project will be donated.

Members of the board asked questions regarding this proposal and suggested that they get in touch with the Town Sanitarian. Steve Burfeind noted that he will bring this proposal to the next Field Fees committee meeting. It is hopeful that this project will be completed over the summer.

Boat Slips

Boat owners in town spoke of the proposal to move some of the boats at the marina to inside slips and noted that they waited several years on a waiting list in order to get outside slips and didn't feel it was fair to be moved back to inside slips. There was a discussion regarding the size of certain boats and which ones should be in outside slips. It was noted that pontoon boats are often harder to maneuver thus it is better to have them in outside slips. It was noted that the length of the boat is determined by whatever is on the registration. It was decided that boats that already have slips will not be asked to move.

Steve Burfeind made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Commission defines the requirements for the length of boats going forward as follows: Any pontoon boats over 22 feet and any non pontoon boats over 24 feet must be kept in an outside slip. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

It was noted that this policy is going forward and no current boats will be asked to move.

Joel Bouchard thanked the Parks and Rec commission for all their hard work in town.

Camp counselors and Boat attendants

Prior practice regarding salaries for camp counselors and boat attendants was to give a .25/hour raise for each year of service. This needed to be adjusted due to the raise in the minimum wage rate. It was decided to give a .25/hour raise over the current minimum wage for every year of service with a cap of four years.

Steve Burfeind made a motion to set the hourly wage for camp counselors at minimum wage with a .25/hour increase for each year of service with a cap of four years and the hourly wage for lifeguards at .50/hour more than minimum wage with a .25/hour increase for each year of service with a cap of four years. Mike Evans seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Waterfront Director

There was a discussion of the possibility of the Blue Raiders Swim Director also performing Waterfront Director duties and what would be a fair pay scale for this individual.

Mike Evans made a motion to increase the stipend for the Blue Raiders Swim Director to \$500/week provided that this individual is also performing Waterfront Director duties. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Fred Testor made a motion to set the pay scale for the Waterfront Director and Day Camp Director at \$7/hour over minimum wage plus an annual .25/hour increase for each year of service without a cap and to set the pay scale for the Assistant Camp Director at \$3/hour over minimum

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Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Gary Remley made a motion to set the hourly wage for Water Safety Instructors at \$2/hour over minimum wage with a .25/hour increase for each year of service with a cap of four years. Mike Evans seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Director's update

Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull noted that Great Hollow has been sold. The new owner is not interested in insuring equipment that was used in the past for day camp. Most likely, there will be no day camp there this summer.

New Fairfield Summer Camp will be held at Meeting House Hill School due to the construction of the high school parking lot.

Capital Expenditures Plan

Sean Loughran announced the Board of Selectmen voted to cut the Parks and Rec capital projects budget by \$50,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016. It was decided to eliminate the lighting of the field lights and to decrease \$20,000 from the plan to improve the basketball court.

Gary Remley made a motion to adjust the Capital Expenditures Plan for fiscal year 2016 by eliminating \$30,000 from the field lights and decreasing the Basketball court fund from \$25,000 to \$5,000 for a total Capital Expenditures Plan for 2016 of \$110,000. Fred Testor seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Future meetings

The status of the basketball court at the high school will be discussed at a future meeting.

Fred Testor noted that the drawings for the proposed Beach House have been given to the Building Inspector and the Town Sanitarian.

Adjournment- Fred Testor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

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*Respectfully submitted,
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