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SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 7, 2015
7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Tom Edwards, Mike Ellenberg, Mike Evans (arrived 7:40pm), Mark Lamanna, and Fred Testor

Members Absent: Steve Burfeind, Gary Remley and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull and Director of Public Works Bob Rzasa

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Fred Testor made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2014 special meeting as presented. Tom Edwards.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion approved- Mark Lamanna abstained, Mike Evans arrived late and did not vote on this motion.)

Chairman Comments- Chairman Sean Loughran welcomed new commission member Mike Ellenberg.

Buildings and Grounds update- Director of Buildings and Grounds Bob Rzasa noted that:

- There were some broken toilets at the pavilion and the Beach House due to the cold weather in November.
- Work has been done at the Marina.
- A form has been filled out for First Light for work done at the Marina.
- Some trees at the Town Beach will be cut down.
- It was suggested that a split rail fence be put installed at the Marina. This will most likely be done in the spring.
- Fred Testor asked the town employees to rake the mulch at the playground.
- The commission spoke of the possibility of replacing railroad ties at the playground.

Director's update

Summer Camp 2015

Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull noted that the summer positions have been posted on-line. The minimum wage rate has been increased to \$9.15/hour. There was a discussion of the policy of

making pay raises equitable for returning employees. In past years, returning employees would make .25/hour more than new employees. It was decided that returning employees making less than the new minimum wage would be raised to \$9.15/hour.

Summer camp

The hours for summer camp will be 8:30pm to 3:30pm, Monday thru Friday. Last year the cost of the camp was \$150/week. There was a discussion about raising the fee by \$5/week.

There was a discussion of the location of the summer camp and it was noted that due to potential projects at the high school, Rebel Field and the parking lot, the camp will be moved to Meeting House Hill School. There was a discussion of how this will affect the programs and attendance.

Mike Evans made a motion to increase the cost of weekly summer camp from \$150/week to \$155/week for the 2015 summer season. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Beach passes

Fred Testor made a motion to keep the price for the Beach passes for summer 2015 the same as summer 2014. The price is \$95 for a family price with a \$10 discount if paid by June 26th and \$45 for a single pass with a \$5 discount if paid by June 26th. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Swim Team

It was decided that the cost for swim team will be \$85/season for 8 year olds and under and \$95/season for 9 year olds and older.

Waterfront Director

Mark Lamanna made a motion to keep the Waterfront Director position the same as last year. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

There was a brief discussion of the Swim Director position and the Water Front Director's position and it was decided to discuss further at the next meeting.

Boat attendants

There was a discussion of the hours and days to have boat attendants available at the boat docks and it was decided to keep it the same as last year.

Dock Fees

Mike Ellenberg made a motion to set the dock fees at \$1275/year for boats and \$600/year for Jet skis with a \$50 discount if paid by Friday, February 27th and paid by check or money order. Mike Evans seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Boat slips at the Marina

There was a discussion about the boat slips and specifically the outside slips that could accommodate larger boats. The commission discussed whether to install a policy about the commission's right to move boats to different slips if necessary and whether a reason needs to be given. There was a discussion about whether or not to move boats smaller than 24 feet on an outside slip to an inside slip. Linda Lull will check to see how many boats are affected by this and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Kayak Day at the Town Beach

Linda Lull spoke of a possible "Kayak Day" at the Town Beach. LL Bean is interested in bringing some kayaks for residents to try. It was suggested that a barbeque may be tied into this as well. The possible date for this is Saturday, May 16th with a rain date of Sunday, May 17th.

Fundraiser concert

Linda Lull spoke of a possible fundraiser to raise money for the Beach House renovation. The commission discussed a possible concert with Sherman resident Daryl Hall. Linda Lull will look into this further.

WiFi at the Beach

Fred Testor made a motion to install WiFi at the Town Beach for the months of June, July, August and September at a rate of \$130/month with an installation fee of \$99. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment- Mike Ellenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Fred Testor seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)