NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 7:00 pm. NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Tom Edwards, Mark Lamanna and

Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Katherina Fostano, Jim Keller, Gary Remley, and Terra Volpe

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull via phone

Guests: Reedu Wood and Nelson Gerber

<u>Call to Order</u>- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

<u>Public Comment</u>- Reedu Wood and Nelson Gerber spoke to the commission about the possibility of constructing a skateboard park in town. It was decided that they will contact Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull to discuss this further.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 and October 17, 2022 meetings as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion- **All in favor**

The November meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Addition to the Agenda

Mark Lamanna made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion of Boat Slip fees and an increase in the purchase order for clay and sand. Tom Edwards seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Buildings and Grounds

Sean Loughran noted that:

- He received an email from Lloyd Deck with an update on projects that have been done by Public Works.
- There was a discussion of the boat dock fees.

Director's Report

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull thanked everyone that helped with recent events. She also noted the following:

- Asked the Commission to consider reducing the open hours for the Beach this summer. This will be discussed further in the next few months.
- Seasonal help positions will be posted soon. There is a shortage of lifeguards.
- Summer Camp will not be able to use the High School or Middle School buildings this summer due to the construction project. The fields are still available. There was a discussion of possibly using Meeting House Hill School or holding the camp solely outside.

Water Line at Komlo Field

Mark Lamanna made a motion to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$6,000 (based on a quote of \$5,200 six months ago) to fix the water line at Komlo Field. Tom Edwards seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Boat Dock Maintenance

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$9,000 for the removing and storage of the elastic rods for the Boat Docks. This is for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion. All in favor

Boat Slip Fee

It was noted that the Selectmen asked for a recommendation for the optimal fee for boat slips for the 2023 season.

Tom Edwards made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen a \$25 per season raise in boat slips fees from \$1675 to \$1700 and a \$25 per season raise in jet ski fees to \$825. Ken Bennett seconded the motion. All in favor (It was noted that this price does not include tax)

Clay and Sand

Mark Lamanna made a motion to increase the purchase order for sand and clay by \$3,000 each. Tom Edwards seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Upcoming events

Sip and Stroll-Saturday, May 20th

The next meeting of the Parks and Rec Commission will be on Monday, January 9th at 6:00pm.

<u>Adjournment</u>- Tom Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion. All in favor