

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023
6:00 pm.
NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM
MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Katherina Fostano, Jim Keller, Gary Remley, Chris Van Steen and Terra Volpe (arrived 6:14pm)

Members Absent: Tom Edwards and Mark Lamanna

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

Guests: None

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He noted that the 2023 Calendar of Meetings has been filed and is available on the Town's website.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Jim Keller made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 as presented.
Ken Bennett seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Buildings and Grounds

Sean Loughran noted that:

- Many members of the Fields Committee charged with replacing the turf field at the high school have left town. Sean Loughran will speak with Phil Ross about what needs to be done. It was noted that the price of replacing this field is much higher than originally thought.
- The commission received a report from Lloyd Decker of Buildings and Grounds about the water line irrigation system.
- The purchase order for the clay for the fields was approved.
- Linda Lull will reach out to Public Works regarding ordering mulch for the playground.

Director's Report

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull spoke of the following:

- Letters regarding the increase in fees for the Boat Slips will go out to boat slip owners as soon as the fee increase is approved by the Board of Selectmen. Payments for the boat slips are due in March.
- A fee of 2.65% will be added to payments made by credit card.
- Seasonal positions are posted online. There was a discussion about the need for lifeguards. There was a suggestion of Parks and Rec offering a lifeguard course to attract more lifeguards.
- The Outdoor Cinema technician will not be returning this summer. Anyone interested in this position should apply online.
- Linda Lull will look into the balance of the Field Replacement Fund and report back to the commission.
- There was a discussion of building a pavilion at the Town Beach. Linda Lull will look into both Kotler and ME O'Brien and Sons, Inc. for quotes. There was a suggestion of possibly replacing the playground at the Town Beach.
- There was a discussion about using Meeting House Hill School for Summer Camp this summer since the high school is not available due to the construction project.
- There was a discussion of installing a shed at Memorial Field for Girls' Softball similar to the one at Consolidated School.
- There was a brief discussion of the potential trail project around Margerie Reservoir.

Shed at Memorial Field

Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 for a shed at Memorial Field. Ken Bennett seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. Jim Keller seconded the motion. **All in favor**

Received by email on 01/11/2023 @ 8:30 a.m.
By Tricia Quinn, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield