

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023
7:00 pm.
NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM
MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Tom Edwards, Jim Keller, Gary Remley, and Terra Volpe

Members Absent: Katherina Fostano, Mark Lamanna, and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull

Guests: None

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 as presented. Jim Keller seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Chairman's Comments

Sean Loughran noted that terms are expiring for Mark Lamanna and Terra Volpe. He asked them to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking to be reappointed.

Sean Loughran gave an explanation of the 205 Fund and the policies and procedures for the lock box for the Boat Dock replacement fund. There was a discussion of the money spent for the upkeep of the pavilion and if that should be split with the Board of Education. It was decided to ask the BOE for procedures and guidelines regarding the pavilion.

There was a discussion of the rebuilding of the Beach House at the Town Beach. It was decided that Linda Lull will ask the Board of Selectmen if the Parks and Rec Commission can have input regarding the rebuilding.

Buildings and Grounds- None

Director's Report

Linda Lull spoke of the following upcoming events:

- The first Outdoor Cinema movie will be held on Friday, June 16th at Memorial Field.
- “On the Road Again” will perform at an outdoor concert on Thursday, June 15th at Memorial Field.
- The Boat Parade will be held on Friday, July 14th with a rain date of July 15th.
- New Fairfield Day will be held on Saturday, September 9th with a rain date of Sept. 10th.

Linda Lull noted that there is still a need for lifeguards for the Town Beach. There was a discussion of ways to recruit lifeguards and the challenges of hiring a Waterfront Director. Currently, the Waterfront Director must be certified in lifesaving. There was a discussion of this role and the possibility of being able to recruit more candidates for this position if certification is not required.

Tom Edwards made a motion that the commission explore the possibility of hiring a non-certified waterfront director to fill in when a certified director is unavailable. Terra Volpe seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Linda Lull noted that the Sip & Stroll was successful. There was a suggestion of the possibility of recommending designated drivers for this event. There was a suggestion of having a rain date but it was noted that many of the merchants order food ahead of time and a rain date would be difficult.

New Business- None

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Ken Bennett seconded the motion. **All in favor**

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