

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION***  
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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**  
**6:00 pm.**  
**NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Members Present:** Sean Loughran (Chairman), Tom Edwards, Mark Lamanna, Gary Remley, Chris Van Steen and Terra Volpe

**Members Absent:** Ken Bennett, Jim Keller

**Town official present:** Selectman Tom Perkins and Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull

**Guests:** Jennifer Pappas

**Call to Order-** Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**Public Comment-** None

**Approval of Minutes-** Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2024. Gary Remley seconded the motion- **All in favor**

**Chairman's Report**

Sean Loughran noted that there will be a Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the use of \$600,000 of the 2023-2024 budget surplus and approximately \$325,000 of excess ARPA funds for the replacement of the turf field and track.

**Director's Report**

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull spoke of the following:

- First Selectman Melissa Lindsey is checking with the Town Attorney to ask about the possibility of allowing “swim at your own risk” at the Town Beach when lifeguards are not available.
- New Fairfield Fair Day scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to rain. Many of the key participants were unable to make the rain date scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>. The commission discussed the protocol for making the decision to cancel and the best way to advertise the cancellation. There was a suggestion of not advertising a rain date in the future.
- The Tricks or Treat fest will be held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm.
- The Turkey Run will be held on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion of serving food at the run.
- The Holiday Light Parade will be held on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm. There was a suggestion of starting earlier due in order to have more daylight for the younger children.
- The Marina closes on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

- There was a discussion of the amount of Beach passes sold this season.

#### **Parks and Rec Office Support Staff**

Terra Volpe made a motion to increase the hourly pay for the Parks and Rec office support staff by 2.5% and to make it retroactive to July 1, 2024. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion.- **All in favor**

#### **Beach House**

It was noted that a storage pod is needed for the Beach House equipment during the construction of a new building. Sean Loughran noted that he asked Lloyd Decker from Public Works to clean out the Snack Shack.

Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,000 (10 months at \$400 per month) for the rental of a pod to store the Beach House equipment. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **All in favor**

#### **Future Agenda items**

The commission will discuss the maximum size of a boat for the inside slips at the Town Marina.

**Adjournment-** Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion.