

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

REVISED MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Shane Cosentino, Tom Edwards, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden and Gary Remley

Members Absent: Elisa Beckett Flores and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Director of Parks and Recreation Linda Lull, and BOE Member Kim LaTourette

Guests: None

BOE Network Administrator Paul Gouveia read the rules and regulations for a virtual meeting.

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Shane Cosentino made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Building and Grounds update

Shane Cosentino gave a brief update on the work being done at the Boat Docks. It was noted that the gate motor at the marina needs to be repaired. Clay is needed for the town fields. It was suggested that this be done this winter.

Director update

Linda Lull noted that the Parks and Rec budget is due by Friday, December 18th. She noted that there is currently approximately \$75,000 in the 205 Account. It was noted that it was suggested that no capital projects be done at this time.

There was a brief discussion of the Food Shack at the Town Beach that may be replaced with a gazebo by the Lions Club. Mark Lamanna will check with the Lions Club President about the status of this.

Linda Lull noted that there is an inquiry from the Town's IT Department about the status of upgrading the Rec Trac system used for Parks and Rec programs. There was a recent quote from Vermont Systems of \$4,600. This will be discussed further at the next month's meeting.

Human Resources will post for seasonal positions for the summer. It is hopeful that the Beach will be open and camps will proceed.

Boat slip letters will go out once it is determined what the exact fee will be. There was a brief discussion of which board determines the price of boat slips.

The Holiday Light Parade and the Santa Drive-thru was very successful. The Town tree was lit virtually.

There were 12 houses that participated in the Great Light display.

Parks and Rec will still hold the ski and snowboard lessons at Thunder Ridge starting January 4th.

Parks and Rec is sponsoring some online activities.

Holiday Shopping Bingo is being held to support local businesses.

Calendar of Meetings for 2021

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the calendar of meetings for 2021 as presented. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Tree Work

Sean Loughran will check about the status of the tree work at the marina with Lloyd Decker.

There was a brief discussion of purchasing additional benches at the playground.

Shane Cosentino made a motion to purchase two benches for the playground at a price not to exceed \$100 more per bench that was spent last time. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion. - **All in favor**

Tom Edwards made a motion to purchase clay for Memorial and Cashman fields at a price not to exceed \$1,000. Shane Cosentino seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Public Comment- BOE Representative Kim LaTourette thanked the Parks and Rec commission for their online classes and noted that many residents have enjoyed them.

Future Agenda Items

Linda Lull noted that minimum wage will go up to \$13 per hour effective August 1, 2021. This will affect life guards and waterfront staff. Wages and fees for programs will be discussed at the next meeting in January.

The commission will discuss boat slips prices at the January meeting.

Adjournment- Tom Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm- **All in favor**

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