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Susan Esty, Chairman Kevin Lane, Vice Chair Jim Henderson, Secretary

Star Rueckert Bror Ashe Nancy Gatta Steven Pernal

### OLD SAYBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, October 13, 2021; 6:30 PM Meeting Held Via Web Access/Dial In

### MINUTES

 Call Meeting to Order – Secretary Jim Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Present were: Director Ray Allen, Jim Henderson, Steven Pernal, Bror Ashe, Nancy Gatta Absent: Susan Esty, Kevin Lane, Star Rueckert Also present: Jona Paradis, Assistant Director & Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk

**2. Approval of September 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to accept the minutes of September 8, 2021 made by Nancy Gatta, seconded by Bror Ashe unanimously approved.

**3. Recognition of Guests** – None

4. **Correspondence** – None

**5. Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills for the month of September in the amount of \$59,321.67.

6. **Public Comments**- Rich Carter addressed the commission regarding a pandemic memorial.

# 7. New Business

**A. Beach Pass Discussion-** Ray Allen introduced a new topic to be discussed during the 2022 beach pass policy review. The topic is how residents distribute their residential beach pass to their short term rental customers i.e. Airbnb & VRBO properties.

**B.** Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel- Jonathan Paradis reported this is the final week of first session after school programs and fall soccer. The fall seasonal programs have begun and the truck or treat event is October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the monster hunt is October 30<sup>th</sup>. Indoor soccer and new after school programs start in November. Katie Mongillo has been hired as the new preschool programs instructor.

# 8. Old Business

A. All Parks Review – Ray Allen stated that utilities will be shut off at the end of October.

**B.** Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion- Ray Allen met with Rob LeMire about Frisbee golf at Town Park. The director would like to move the project forward with sinking fund monies and appropriate permits.

**C. Preserve Update-** Ray Allen reported the following: there was a Preserve Ad Hoc walk thru was this past Saturday, the GEI study is close to being done and the botanical study is available to view online.

D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel- None

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#### 9. Reports

**A. Chairman's Report** – Not present, no updates.

**B. Director's Report** –Final 2021 summer season totals: Mini Golf gross total \$269,152, Harvey's Beach \$92,099, Mini Golf concession \$10,802, Town Beach concession \$15,887, beach passes sold 2731 for \$48,290. Total revenue back to the town general fund \$409,541.

#### C. Liaison Reports – None

MOTION to adjourn at 6:57p.m. made by Steven Pernal seconded by Jim Henderson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Antolino Recording Clerk

#### \*NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2021\*