

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**

*Susan Esty, Chairman  
Steven Pernal, Vice Chair  
Jim Henderson, Secretary*

*Star Rueckert*

*Bror Ashe  
Nancy Gatta*

*Kevin Lane*

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**OLD SAYBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020; 6:30 PM**  
Meeting Held Via Web Access/Dial In

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SARAH V. BECKER  
TOWN CLERK

**MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m.  
**Present were:** Director Ray Allen, Susan Esty, Jim Henderson, Steven Pernal, Star Rueckert & Nancy Gatta  
**Absent:** Kevin Lane & Bror Ashe  
**Also present:** Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk
2. **Approval of Oct. 14, 2020 Meeting** – MOTION to accept the Oct. 14, 2020 minutes as presented made by Jim Henderson seconded by Steven Pernal and unanimously approved.
3. **Recognition of Guests** – Francisco Gomes, FitzGerald & Halliday
4. **Correspondence** – The department received a \$500 unrestricted use donation from the Tagliatela Family Foundation.
5. **Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed bills dated 10/8/2020 through 10/25/2020 in the amount of \$16,248.62.
6. **Public Comments-** None
7. **Old Business**
  - A. **All Parks Review** – Ray Allen reported parks are in shut-down mode, soccer has ended. Beach porta-potties are open, can look into putting one at the pavilion.
  - B. **Preserve Update** – Ray Allen reported the turnaround is almost done, greenery will be going up along neighbor's property line, remaining tree work will be done, test wells have been removed and since this is costly work, monies will be used for other projects.
  - C. **Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel** – Steve Pernal commented the red trail at Great Cedars East has many trees down.
8. **New Business**
  - A. **Strategic Plan of Parks** – Francisco Gomes reported they are working on concepts for the specific parks. The following was discussed: Harvey's Beach-dunes & re-grading and DEEP permitting; Saybrook Point-how much should Dock & Dine property be incorporated into plan, wastewater solutions, bathroom structures, documented easement to Gardiner's Landing from College St.; Main Street Park-possible parking at St. John's school, finding access to back lot is critical; Town Park- functioning bathroom by front parking lot, STEAP grant could be used for bathrooms, field elimination or rearrangement to accommodate another type of field, basketball court elimination. A preliminary draft will be presented at the December meeting and a spec draft by year's end and a final draft in January. The second draft should be presented to the public.

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**B. P&R Commission Meeting Dates 2021-** MOTION to accept 2021 scheduled dates made by Jim Henderson seconded by Star Rueckert and unanimously approved.

**C. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel-** Ray Allen reported the town is in Covid red alert status and all indoor programs and the rec center are closed. Pavilion is back to 25 person capacity. Nancy Gatta had concerns about the Harvey's Beach food vendor contract. There was discussion about creating regulations for next year, recruiting vendors and having a town owned structure for food.

### 9. Reports

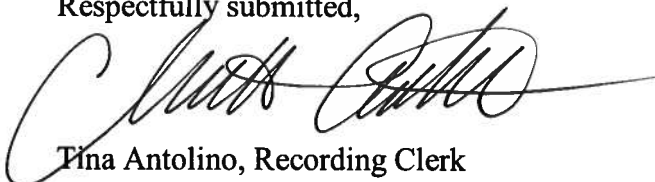
**A. Chairman's Report** – Susan Esty attended the Preserve ad hoc meeting which discussed trails and greenery for the neighbor's property. She thanked Ray and Jona on behalf of the Lions Club for their help with distributing 1,000 boxes of food to community members. She reminded the commission, election of commission officers will take place at the December meeting.

**B. Director's Report** – Ray Allen reported he has received some budget info and the budget will be discussed at the December meeting. Next three Thursdays at Saybrook Point there will be free Covid testing.

**C. Liaison Reports** – None

MOTION to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. made by Steven Pernal seconded by Jim Henderson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk

**\*NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2020\***

The Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on the following dates and times at the Parks and Recreation Center in 2021. (The second Wednesday of each month in the year 2021)

January 13 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
February 10 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
March 10 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
April 14 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
May 12 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
July 14 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
August 11 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
September 8 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
October 13 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
November 10 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM
December 8 <sup>th</sup> 2021	6:30PM