



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Parks & Recreation Commission

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

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Nancy Gatta
Kevin Lane*

**OLD SAYBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 12, 2020; 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.
Present were: Director Ray Allen, Susan Esty, Steven Pernal, Nancy Gatta, Bror Ashe (arrived 6:42pm) & Jim Henderson
Absent: Kevin Lane & Star Rueckert
Also present: Jonathan Paradis, Assistant Director (departed 7:10pm) & Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk
2. **Approval of January 8, 2020 Meeting** – MOTION to accept the January 8, 2020 minutes was made by Jim Henderson seconded by Steven Pernal and unanimously approved with the following corrections: Section 8a "...not affixed to the windshield are *against current policy*." Section 8b "*Jona Paradis...*"
3. **Recognition of Guests** – none
4. **Correspondence** – Ray Allen read a letter from resident Cynthia Godfrey in which she expressed a desire for Old Saybrook to create a dog park.
5. **Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills #323 through #371 dated February 12, 2020 in the amount of \$10,397.45.

Harvey's Beach Concession Discussion

Chair Susan Esty moved agenda item 8a Harvey's Beach Concession Discussion before item 6 Public Comments. She introduced Kim Morgan from Shore She-Shed to present her business for the Harvey's Beach concession vendor permit. Presentation began at 6:38pm and ended at 6:55pm and questions were taken from the Commission. Commissioner Bror Ashe entered the meeting at 6:42pm. Chair Susan Esty introduced John Anello from Hogwild Smoking Cue to present his business. Presentation began at 7:10pm and concluded at 7:23pm and questions were taken from the Commission. Jona Paradis departed the meeting at 7:10pm.

There was discussion on whether or not to add a fee to the Harvey's Beach concession vendor contract. Some ideas included a fee to cover the cost of utilities, a monthly rental fee or a flat fee. Discussion about selling Harvey's Beach swag also took place. Chair Susan Esty tabled the concession vendor contract discussion until next meeting.

6. **Public Comments-** none
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **All Parks Review** – The Director had nothing new to report.
 - B. **Preserve Update** – The Director reported the ad hoc committee is still working on the Trust for Public Land grant which will now focus on interim tails. The grant should be done by

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the end of the month. Chair Susan Esty would like to acknowledge Kathy Connolly for her hard work on the Preserve ad hoc committee.

C. Strategic Plan of Parks Update- Ray Allen, Star Rueckert and Kevin Lane have met with Fitzgerald & Halliday. A summary of their discussion was distributed. A public survey should be out by end of March/April and the goal is to have the complete strategic plan done in July.

D. 2020-2021 Budget Discussion – Ray Allen reported the budget was presented on January 25th to the Board of Finance. All capital improvements were included. He noted the Board of Finance suggested putting a well at Maple Avenue Field for irrigation. The idea will be investigated.

E. Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel - none

8. New Business

A. Harvey's Beach Concession Discussion – See discussion above.

B. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel- Before his exit, Jona Paradis thanked Steven Pernal and Nancy Gatta for volunteering to judge the Snowman Championship.

9. Reports

A. Chairman's Report – The Chair reported she attended the following: Jan. 19th Preserve's Conservation Management Meeting, Jan 13th 2020 census meeting, Feb 3rd Zoning Meeting, Jan 25th Board of Finance meeting, Feb 3rd strategic plan meeting. She noted the field lights amendment to the zoning regulations passed. No Parks & Rec facilities are currently eligible for lights under the new zoning amendment.

B. Director's Report – none

C. Liaison Reports – none

MOTION to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. made by Jim Henderson seconded by Bror Ashe and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk

NEXT MEETING MARCH 11, 2020