



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

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

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*Star Rueckert  
Bror Ashe  
Nancy Gatta  
Steven Pernal*

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

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021; 6:30 PM**  
Meeting Held Via Web Access/Dial In

**MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.  
**Present were:** Director Ray Allen, Susan Esty, Jim Henderson, Nancy Gatta, Star Rueckert & Steven Pernal  
**Absent:** Bror Ashe, Kevin Lane & Jona Paradis, Assistant Director  
**Also present:** Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk
2. **Approval of May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to accept the minutes of May 12, 2021 made by Jim Henderson, seconded by Steven Pernal and unanimously approved.
3. **Recognition of Guests** – 3 members of the public were present on the call
4. **Correspondence** – None
5. **Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills for the month of May in the amount of \$21,105.97.
6. **Public Comments-** None
7. **New Business**
  - A. **Main Street Park Discussion**– Ray Allen reported the Selectmen would like to do site work at Main Street Park through a STEAP grant. The Director would also like to see site work done and sidewalk connections completed. The upcoming grant cycle has yet to be announced and this is a preliminary discussion in anticipation of that cycle.
  - B. **Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel** – None
8. **Old Business**
  - A. **All Parks Review** – Ray Allen stated there is a new booth at Harvey's Beach with power for credit cards and cash register and it can be secured at night. Work at the Point's pit toilet is ongoing and hoping to be operational in mid-July. Saybrook Point one-way parking is actively being discussed with the Police Department. Beaches are open, busy and staff is doing well. Mini golf is open. Parks are being used and Trask Park had some playground maintenance completed and tennis court cracks are being taken care of under warrantee. Susan Esty would like to complement the beach staff on their professionalism. The Fort Monument Park Flag Pole needs to be painted. Both the Fort Monument Park and College Street Rotary Flag Poles need to have the frayed lanyards replaced. Star Rueckert would also like to complement the beach staff.
  - B. **Strategic Plan of Parks Final Plans-** Star Rueckert reported the final plan's presentation will be presented virtually within a month. She encouraged commission members to continue to advocate the plan to the public.

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**C. Preserve Update-** Ray Allen reported there has been great progress with the parking lot and there will be a walk in the Preserve this week to discuss projects. Once the GEI study is complete, the trail plan can move forward. Rectifying the red trail wet spots will be done in the dry season.

**D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel-** Ray Allen gave the programs update. The summer camps will have 2 cohorts at 2 locations- it begins June 24<sup>th</sup>. Summer concerts begin next week and many programs are planned for the season. About 1800 beach passes have been sold so far and 60% of passes are sold in the office. The Director's main concern is people not affixing the passes to the windshield, which is mandatory.

### 9. Reports

**A. Chairman's Report** – Susan Esty attended the Preserve Ad Hoc meeting May 27<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the CMC meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Director's Report** – Ray Allen stated the rec center is open for walking and building hours will continue to be 9am-4pm with no weekend hours. Full, extended hour re-opening will be in September. Susan suggested the need for Pavilion bathroom signs and putting up informational signs at the Pavilion on how residents can rent it.

**C. Liaison Reports** – None

MOTION to adjourn at 7:04p.m. made by Jim Henderson seconded by Star Rueckert and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Antolino  
Recording Clerk

**\*NEXT MEETING JULY 14, 2021\***