



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

*Susan Esty, Chairman  
Kevin Lane, Vice Chair  
Star Rueckert, Secretary*

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*Jim Henderson  
Tom Boland  
Nancy Gatta  
Steven Pernal*

**OLD SAYBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6:30 PM**

**CORRECTED - MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.  
**Present were:** Director Ray Allen, Chair Susan Esty, Tom Boland, Star Rueckert, Kevin Lane  
**Absent were:** Jim Henderson, Nancy Gatta and Steve Pernal  
**Also present:** Assistant Director Jonathan Paradis and Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Clerk
2. **Approval of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting** – A motion was made by Tom Boland and seconded by Star Rueckert to accept and approve the minutes as corrected of the June meeting.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Recognition of Guests** – Barbara Guenther, Founders Memorial Park
4. **Correspondence** - none
5. **Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills #598 through #699 dated July 11, 2018 in the amount of \$42,533.18
6. **Public Comments** – no one present
7. **Old Business**
  - A. **All Parks Review** – got thru the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Harvey's Beach was a mess; beach numbers were high. Parks are looking good. Irrigations have been turned on.
  - B. **Preserve Update** – BOS at their May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting appropriated funds from the Bokum Road house sale for the parking and turn around.
  - C. **Strategic plan of Parks Update** – Kevin reported that Star, Ray and himself have met with the three bidders and they like the Fitzgerald and Halliday. Next step is to respond to all and let First Selectman Carl Fortuna know that they have decided on Fitzgerald & Halliday's proposal. He also reported on the changes they discussed regarding the plan.

A motion was made by Kevin Lane and seconded by Star Rueckert to approve the Fitzgerald & Halliday's bid for the Strategic Plan pending their requote of the changes.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**8. New Business**

**A. Barbara Guenther Presentation** – this year is the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Founders Park. Met with Christine Nelson, Town Planner, and it's already in the Harbor News on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. bring your own picnic and chair. Barbara went thru their agenda for the evening; C. Fortuna will say a few words on behalf of the town; she asked if any of the Commission members would like to speak, if so let her know and it would be included on the agenda. Judy Preston will give a history of the park. Bob Lorenz will give a presentation. They have been unable to contact any of the Clark family. Barbara will also speak. Kevin Lane suggested putting something on social media. Becky Coffey has been asked to be there. Devin Carney will be invited. Ray suggested contacting old Commission members.

**B. Main St Park Phase 1b** – Ray reported indicated that pickle ball discussion has moved forward. Hinding Tennis Company was contacted to report that there is room to put in three courts. Plan now is to bring it to Zoning, because of the change from bocce to pickle ball; then BOF then to Town Meeting.

**C. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel - All summer camp programs are in session**

**9. Reports**

**A. Chairman's Report** – doing the preliminaries on how the monies were spent on the Pavilion and whether the State is involved in order to take the Pavilion off the State website that lists it as a State fishing site. She met with police and fire chiefs to discuss the moving of traffic in and out of the Point parking area and having a one way in and a one out. She has contacted John Kadoma at Dock & Dine but he has not returned her call. There was a suggestion that a letter be put on our website that indicates to be aware of bears in parks.

**B. Director's Report - none**

**C. Liaison Reports - none**

**\*\*NEXT MEETING AUGUST 8, 2018 – PARKS & RECREATION CENTER\*\***

**\*\*\* 6:30 PM \*\*\***

A motion made and second to adjourn at 7:26  
Chair Susan Esty adjourned the meeting at 7:26

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sharon Tiezzi*

Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Clerk