



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, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6:30 PM  
MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
**Present were:** Director Ray Allen, Chair Susan Esty, Tom Boland, Jim Henderson, Star Rueckert, Kevin Lane, Nancy Gatta and Steve Pernal  
**Also present:** Assistant Director Jonathan Paradis and Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Clerk
2. **Approval of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting** – A motion was made by Tom Boland and seconded by Star Rueckert to accept and approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting. After review and discussion of the minutes Jim Henderson made a motion and seconded by Kevin Lane to accept and approve the minutes with corrections of the July 11, 2018 meeting.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Recognition of Guests** – 13 members of the public were in attendance. Those that spoke were Paul Loomis, Pamela Coty, Cathy Dangonn, Louis Pery, Shaun Burke, Paula Satmery and Robert Coty.
4. **Correspondence** - none
5. **Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills #1 through #150 dated September 12, 2018 in the amount of \$88,381.67.
6. **Public Comments** – Paul Loomis, member of Board of Governors at Cornfield Point Association spoke of concerns on the road ending at Hartland and Pratt.  
Their issues are:
  - 1) Visitors climbing over the fence onto private property to fish and affecting the banking going down to the water.
  - 2) There is a lot of trash left behind by the fishermen and other visitors
  - 3) No trespassing signs on the bank are being ignored
  - 4) There is not enough parking, resulting in road blockages; public safety issue.
  - 5) Nothing has been done by the Police department when they get called, nothing is enforceable.
  - 6) Quality of life (e.g. people parking/making commotion at all hours of the night)

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Best use of this space would be open space and the Board of Selectmen are asking for the Parks & Rec Department to take over. They would like to be part of the discussion if this Commission takes over the property. Property owned by the Town of Old Saybrook as open space due to subdivision. It was named a “scenic overlook” in 2003 in a news article that interviewed Christine Nelson, Town Planner and Michael Pace, First Selectman at that time.

It was discussed that the Commission needs more info from Zoning, Land Use and Town planning in order to post laws and regs that are enforceable. The problem is also these people are mainly from out of town and do not have a vested interest in keeping it clean. Site needs a definite designation/enforcement of the property.

In closing, Paul Loomis asked to be kept informed of the progress.

This issue was on the Board of Selectman’s September 11, 2018 agenda and now needs to be addressed by this Commission to present to the BOS. The Commission deferred any decision until further discussion with Chief of Police, Land Use and the Town Planner.

### 7. Old Business

**A. All Parks Review** – all look good; soccer programs have started, Mini Golf is still going, beaches are all shut down. Swing set at Town park is in disrepair and needs to be attended to as it is a safety issue.

**B. Preserve Update** – There is a survey that has been started that includes a land use plan, a recreation assessment and a trail assessment.

**C. Strategic plan of Parks Update** – Kevin Lane presented the revised version of the first plan. It has been reduced in scope; original amount was about \$110,000 and now is \$85,800. He asked members to take the report and go through the details to give their input on the information provided in the plan and the process.

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

### 8. New Business

**A. Road Ending, Hartland & Pratt Discussion** – see public comments

**B. Vicki G Duffy Pavilion Rules & Regulations updates** – needed some minor changes regarding rental deposits.

Director Ray discussed the changes and asked for approval. A motion was made by Kevin Lane and seconded by Steve Pernal to accept the amendments and changes to the Vicki Duffy Pavilion Rules & Regulations and to be effective immediately.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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- D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel** – Director Ray presented plans for Bocce courts for placement on the Recreation Center grounds in between the Vin Baker Courts and The Town Green.

A motion was made by Tom Boland and seconded by Jim Henderson to accept the proposed bocce court location plan dated 9/11/2018 as presented by Jacobson and Associates and approve the current proposal plan.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

A second motion was made by Tom Boland and seconded by Jim Henderson to consider other potential locations for the Bocce courts.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Asst Director Jonathan reported on the new fall programs that have started. He also praised Park & Rec staff members for all the hard work that they did during the shutdown for renovations.

### **9. Reports**

**A.** Chairman's Report – Chair Susan Esty had a very busy July, Aug & Sept with Zoning meetings, Planning and Board of Selectman meetings; Ad Hoc, Ingham Hill Road, Main Street park and attended Gardner's Landing festivities.

**B.** Director's Report – Director Ray presented Income totals from 2018 and a comparison of 2017 and 2018. Figures are down a little but still had a great year. He received a certified letter from a couple indicating that the woman and her mother were at Harvey's beach and fell into the sink hole. It didn't seem to have been properly marked. The area will be looked at and addressed.

**C.** Liaison Reports - none

**\*\* NEXT MEETING    OCTOBER 10, 2018 – PARKS & RECREATION CENTER \*\***

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

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sharon Tiezzi*

Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Clerk