



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  
Jane Wisialowski*

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

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022; 6:30 PM**

This was a hybrid meeting

**MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairwoman Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:33p.m.

**Present:** Director Ray Allen; Chairwoman, Susan Esty; Vice Chair, Kevin Lane; Secretary, Jim Henderson; Nancy Gatta; Jane Wisialowski; Star Rueckert

**Absent:** Bror Ashe

**Guest:** Mark Wacker

2. **Approval of July 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – MOTION to accept the July 13th, 2022 minutes was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Esty. Motion was unanimously approved

**NOTE:** There was no quorum for the August meeting. Therefore there are no minutes.

3. **Recognition of Guests** – Director Allen, introduced and welcomed Mark Wacker, President of OS Little League.

4. **Correspondence** - None

5. **Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed the OSPR September, 2022 bills as presented by Director Allen in the amount of \$47, 703.03.

6. **Public Comment**

Mr. Wacker and the commission discussed several ideas for a memorial to Shawn McDonald who had passed away. He noted that he would bring back ideas to his board and get back to the commission.

Mr. Wacker inquired if perhaps Little League could have a link on the Parks and Recreation website. Director Allen thanked Mr. Wacker for being President of Little League. He noted that they have come a long way and they have a great relationship with Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Wisialowski requested to know more about Shawn McDonald. Mr. Wacker noted he would send a link.

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Ms. Esty thanked Mr. Wacker.

### 7. New Business

#### A. Great Cedars MOU discussion

Director Allen passed out a draft of the MOU update of the Great Cedars Conservation Area Stewardship. Director Allen noted and discussed the background; gave an update noting that all of the goals outlined in both the original MOU and the Update have been accomplished.

Director Allen noted that the ongoing goal is to maintain the safety and protection of the conservation areas. He noted that this is a working document and can be reviewed at any time.

Mr. Henderson made a motion and Mr. Lane seconded to move forward with the MOU. Discussion: Mr. Lane inquired regarding Phase I regarding grant funding. Director Allen noted that will be looked into. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Esty thanked the commission.

#### B. Ingm Hill Road Plaque Discussion

Lloyd Ingham is looking to place a plaque in the Preserve parking lot. Selectman Fortuna noted that would be great to have a plaque with some history. Ray will discuss with Selectman Fortuna as to what to do going forward. It was noted that Lloyd Ingham will place the plaque.

A motion was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Lane to install Ingham Family plaque in the parking lot of the Preserve. After a short discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

A motion to locate the proposed plaque somewhere in the Preserve parking lot area was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Lane, with the approval of the CMC. Motion passed as follows: Ms. Wisialowski, Nay; Ms. Gatta, Abstain; Mr. Henderson, Yes; Mr. Lane, Yes; Ms. Esty, Yes; Motion passed.

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### **C. Any Other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel**

None

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## **8. Old Business**

### **A. All Parks Review** – Director Allen reported on the following:

- Irrigation Systems on a limited basis for Soccer Season;
- Successful Beach Season;
- Trask Park sidewalks;
- Exchange Pond getting water;

### **B. Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion**

Disc golf course delayed. Public Works working on 12 tee boxes. Mr. Henderson inquired if perhaps could the Eagle Scouts help with the disc golf course. Director Allen will look into this.

### **C. The Preserve Update** – Director Ray noted parking lot sign installed. There is a new manager for the state trails, whom we have not met yet.

### **D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel**

None

## **9. Reports**

### **A. Chairman's Report** - None

### **B. Director's Report** – As of July meeting, the posted job opening was filled with Nick Morrell.

Mini golf is a great success. Harvey's Beach having a banner year. Director Allen passed out the Income Totals sheet.

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Director Allen noted that Monday, 9/26 is the Town Meeting at The Pavilion.

Director Allen noted that the gazebo on the town green is being torn down and replaced after the Arts & Crafts show.

### **C. Liaison Reports – None**

Ms. Esty thanked the commission and called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. made by Ms. Gatta, seconded by Mr. Henderson and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Lewis, Clerk

**\*NEXT MEETING: October, 2022\***