



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

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

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Nancy Gatta  
Jane Wisialowski*

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

**Wednesday, October 12, 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; Secretary, Jim Henderson; Nancy Gatta; Jane Wisialowski; Bror Ashe

**Absent:** Star Rueckert; Vice Chair, Kevin Lane

**Guest:** Selectman Carl Fortuna

- 2. Approval of September 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – MOTION to table the minutes was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Gatta was unanimously approved.

- 3. Recognition of Guests** – Ms. Esty welcomed members of the Land Trust; John Ogren; Bob Lorenz and Barbara Gunther.

- 4. Correspondence** - None

- 5. Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed the OSPR September, 2022 bills as presented by Director Allen in the amount of \$61,150.07.

- 6. Public Comment** None

- 7. New Business**

**A. Land Trust Discussion of Maynard Property**

Mr. Ogren noted that some of the Land Trust commission members walked the property. During the discussion it was noted that the marsh side connects with the Land Trust property and the common boundary is marsh. Selectman Fortuna noted that half of the land is marsh. Most of the property is upland to possible buildable lots. Total is 8.5 acres, which half is marsh. Property is on the market for \$920 thousand dollars.

Mr. Henderson noted that it would be a fantastic bird sanctuary. It would also be great for a community garden. Director Allen will do some research on the property and report back.

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### **B. Saybrook Point Grant Application Discussion**

Selectman Fortuna notified the commission that Smoke on The Water has recinded their application and that there is a new application on the table. He noted that John Kodama, owner of the Dock and Dine property and the town of Old Saybrook will be applying for a Community Grant together to the State of Connecticut DECD. Mr. Kodama and the town of Old Saybrook will be co-owners of this joint venture if approved by DECD. A restaurant will be constructed if the grant is received.

He noted that support letters will accompany the grant application and we should have an answer by December. Support letters will come from The Kate; Senator Norman Needleman; Senator Paul Formica and State Representative Devin Carney.

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

None

## **8. Old Business**

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

- Soccer still going strong;
- Mini golf will end on Sunday;
- Parks looking very good;
- New gazebo under construction;
- New Flag Pole at Ft. Saybrook Monument Park;
- Lloyd Ingham put up the plaque commemorating his family; you pass it on the way to the trails;
- Trask Pickle Ball line looks great;

Approved projects:

- Splash Pad re-surface;
- Harveys and Town Beach projects;
- Fencing at Mini Golf;

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

Director Allen noted that he was waiting for an update on disc golf from Geoff Jacobsen.

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- C. **The Preserve Update** – Director Ray noted they didn't meet last month. Looking to re-do trails is on hold.

10/18 is the next CNC quarterly meeting.

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

Programs:

- Middle of Fall Season;
- Winter booklet in process;
- Trunk or Treat Next Saturday 5 – 7;
- Scare Crow Workshop successful.

9. **Reports**

A. **Chairman's Report -**

Ms. Esty reported that she attended the Town Meeting.

B. **Director's Report** – None

C. **Liaison Reports** –

Ms. Gatta reported on the opening ceremony for the turf lights. There will be a meeting in a few weeks. There will be a rendering with bricks of Monument Way. Ms. Gatta noted there will be another fundraiser for the bricks.

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

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. made by Ms. Wisialowski, seconded by Mr. Henderson and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Lewis, Clerk

**\*NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2022\***