



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Parks & Recreation Commission

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Kevin Lane, Vice Chair
Jim Henderson, Secretary*

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Nancy Gatta
Jane Wisialowski*

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

JANUARY 19, 2023

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;

Absent: Vice Chair, Kevin Lane; Bror Ashe; Star Rueckert;

- 2. Approval of December 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – MOTION to approve the minutes with 3 corrections was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Wisialowski was unanimously approved.
- 3. Recognition of Guests** – None
- 4. Correspondence** - None
- 5. Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed the OSPR December, 2022 bills as presented by Director Allen in the amount of \$34,908.12.
- 6. Public Comment** None
- 7. New Business**

A. Beach Pass/Parking Discussion

The Parks & Recreation Commission issues Recreation Parking Passes to residents and property owners for parking privileges at town facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission reviewed the application procedures as well as permanent resident passes. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Henderson to approve the beach parking passes with corrections, seconded by Ms. Wisialowski and was so VOTED unanimously.

B. Harvey's Beach Vendor Discussion

The Commission reviewed the Harvey's Beach Food Vendor Application.

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After discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion by Ms. Wisialowski to raise the Harvey's Beach concession fee to \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Henderson was so VOTED unanimously.

C. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel

None

8. Old Business

A. All Parks Review – None

Ms. Esty inquired if there was any damage to the pavilion during the storm. Director Allen noted that during the storm, there was some severe beach erosion.

He reported that the Gazebo wiring will be done soon.

Director Allen noted that with the surplus money, there is a contract with Xfinity to provide wifi access at the parks, beaches, and pavilion.

B. Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion

Director Allen touched on the following items:

- Disc Golf; 1 more T pad to build;
- Baskets almost all complete;
- Signage; Meeting with Computer Signs;
- Grand Opening – possibly May or June

Chairman Esty suggested inviting the various commissions to the opening. Mr. Henderson mentioned naming of the course. It was the general consensus of the commission that they would think about it and talk at the next meeting in February.

C. The Preserve Update –

Director Allen briefly discussed the grant application re the vernal pools study. It was noted by Ms. Esty and Director Allen that Ms. Connolly has been so helpful and her knowledge of plants in general is amazing. Thank you to Kathy Connolly and how much the Parks and Recreation commission appreciates your countless hours of work, volunteerism, and dedication.

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D. Any Other Business regarding programs, Facilities or Personnel

Assistant Director Paradis briefed the commission on the following:

- Basketball leagues;
- Mohegan Sun Meet and Greet;
- Parks & Rec night at high school;
- Winter enrichment programs;
- Snowman championship 1/28;
- Planning summer booklet Apr – August

9. Reports

A. Chairman's Report -

Ms. Esty invited the commission to the budget meeting to Director Allen's presentation of their budget. It was noted that it was virtual as well.

B. Director's Report – Director Allen announced that Ms. Esty was awarded volunteer of the year by the chamber at their annual meeting.

C. Liaison Reports – None

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Lewis, Clerk

NEXT MEETING: *FEBRUARY 8, 2023