



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  
MEETING**

**July 12, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

This was a hybrid meeting

**MINUTES**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – Chairwoman Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

**Present:** Director Ray Allen; Chairwoman, Susan Esty; Secretary, Jim Henderson; Nancy Gatta; Star Rueckert (virtual); Jane Wisialowski; Bror Ashe; Assistant Director Jonathan Paradis

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

- 2. Approval of May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – MOTION to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Wisialowski and was so VOTED unanimously.

- 3. Recognition of Guests** – None

- 4. Correspondence** - None

- 5. Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed the OSPR May and June bills as presented by Director Allen in the amount of \$118,816.05.

- 6. Public Comment** None

- 7. New Business**

**A. Disc Golf Update Opening Day Discussion**

- Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting August meeting at disc golf;
- Invite boards and commissions; Public Works; newspapers; channel 3;
- Recognition suggestions for Rob; personal gift;
- Recognition as Person of the Week in Harbor News; Radio;

**B. Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel**

Ms. Esty inquired about the gazebo at Founders Park. Director Allen noted that it had fallen in disrepair. He noted that someone from Haddam offered to dismantle it and remove it.

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### 8. Old Business

#### A. All Parks Review

Director Allen reported on the following:

- Parks doing very well; very busy;
- Pavilion incident: small electrical fire outside underground at pavilion; smoke filled pavilion and it shorted out electric inside. Eversource came out; electric panels replaced and also water heater. Director Ray had a company come in and clean.

#### B. Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion

- Director Allen noted that Town Engineer Geoff Jacobsen reviewed cost estimates as follows: The scope of work for the Fields: Engineering - \$25K each. They are still working on scope of work costs for the redesign of the pavilion. They will need to do more test pits. When the estimates are in, then we can access ARPA for funds;
- ARPA projects: Doing test pits on Ferry Road; Geoff Jacobsen will have design drawings by first week of August;
- Main Street Park; Phase II: Geoff Jacobsen working on specs; Director Ray and Selectman Fortuna met with people from the State with regard to State funding.

#### C. The Preserve Update –

Director Allen noted the study is complete and there will be a presentation by October.

#### D. Any Other Business regarding programs, Facilities or Personnel

Assistant Director Paradis briefed the commission on the following:

- 4 Day Camps; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade sold out;
- Pre-school Camp;
- Junior Camp; 16 kids per week;
- Middle School Camp;
- 10 Sports Camps;
- Concerts on the Green;
- Movies on the Green;
- Fall Soccer;
- Youth Pickle Ball.

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Ms. Esty thanked Assistant Director Paradis.

### 9. Reports

#### A. Chairman's Report -

Ms. Esty reported that she attended the Board of Selectmen meeting with Director Allen with regard to the Strategic Plan.

#### B. Director's Report – Director Allen reported on income totals for the year. Mini golf brought in \$10K more than last year. Harvey's and Town Beach less than last year. Beach passes totaled 2,767 and brought in \$54K.

#### C. Liaison Reports – None

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

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Wisialowski and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Lewis, Clerk

**\*NEXT MEETING: \*AUGUST 9, 2023\***