



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Parks & Recreation Commission

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Jim Henderson, Secretary*

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Nancy Gatta
Jane Wisialowski*

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2022; 6:30 PM

This was a hybrid meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairwoman Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

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

2. **Approval of March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – **MOTION** to accept the March 09, 2022 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Gatta and unanimously approved.

3. **Recognition of Guests** – None

4. **Correspondence** – None

5. **Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed the OSPR April, 2022 bills as presented by Director Allen in the amount of \$87,052.77.

6. **Public Comment** - None

7. **New Business**

A. ARPA funding projects discussion

Director Allen prepared a PPT presentation for the commission, noting that he would be presenting this PPT at the next ARPA meeting on May 24th. He discussed as follows:

- Public Wifi at the parks; beaches;
- Technology at the Pavilion; drop screen;
- Upgrade bathhouse at Harvey's Beach;
- Upgrade bathhouse at Town Beach;
- Restripe/paving parking lot at Harvey's Beach;
- Trask Park Splash Pad re-surface; (non-slip);
- Pickle Ball courts Trask Park;
- Fencing at Mini Golf;
- Tennis Courts Trask Park connected to sidewalks (walk-way);
- Cell phone charging stations; solar powered;

The approximate total - \$335K

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B. Any Other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel – None

8. Old Business

A. All Parks Review

- Mini golf opens this weekend; clean-up;
- Mowing parks;
- COVID testing at The Point is not moving out at this time;
- Move small gazebo (donated by a member of the community) near/behind shed

B. Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion

Director Allen attended a Board of Finance meeting to ask for funding for the Disc Golf course. The Board of Finance voted to approve funding in the amount of \$37K including a 10% contingency. Director Allen also noted that Jacobsen's flagging crew was doing survey work.

Ms. Esty noted that they were very fortunate to have the gentleman on Inland/Wetlands working with them on this project.

C. The Preserve Update – None

D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel

Director Allen briefly reported on the following:

- Fishing Derby end of April;
- Rock Hunt;
- Easter Egg Hunt;
- Summer Camp registration process going well; staff hired; life guards hired;

Director Allen noted that he and Mr. Henderson are working on bicycle pumps to put down at mini golf. They were ordered but haven't come in yet. They will be installed right next to the bike racks.

9. Reports

A. Chairman's Report –

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Ms. Esty reported on the Ad Hoc April 28th ARPA meeting and May 10th meeting as well. Several businesses and organizations brought forth their requests/needs. Ms. Esty talked about possible requests for ARPA money. Priorities are different organizations that were affected by COVID and the number one priority is Mental Health.

She also noted that she attended the selectman's meeting. Discussion was had on "Smoke on The Water."

Ms. Esty noted that Attorney Cassella offered to come to an OSPR meeting to discuss this project.

B. Director's Report – Director Allen

Teen Center Coordinator position not filled yet.

C. Liaison Reports –

Ms. Gatta reported on the Turf Field Lights project. Funding donations reached the projected goal and over. The fields will be closed during the summer while work is being done for this project.

Ms. Esty thanked everyone and called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. made by J. Wisialowski, seconded by N. Gatta and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Lewis, Clerk

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 8, 2022