



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Parks & Recreation Commission

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Jim Henderson, Secretary*

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Jane Wisialowski*

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022; 6:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.
Present were: Director Ray Allen, Susan Esty (virtual), Jane Wisialowski (virtual), Jim Henderson, Kevin Lane & Nancy Gatta (virtual) & Star Rueckert (virtual)
Absent: Bror Ashe
Also present: Jona Paradis, Assistant Director & Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk (virtual)
2. **Approval of February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – MOTION to accept the minutes of February 9, 2022 made by Jim Henderson, seconded by Kevin Lane and unanimously approved.
3. **Recognition of Guests** – Robert Murphy, Harbor Management & Larry Ritzhaupt, Conservation Commission
4. **Correspondence** – None
5. **Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills for the month of February in the amount of \$4,572.09.
6. **Public Comments-** None
7. **New Business**
 - A. **Harvey's Beach Vendor application reviews and possible action-** Ray Allen explained where the application was advertised. Shore She Shed LLC is the sole applicant. MOTION to approve Shore She Shed LLC to be summer 2022 Harvey's Beach vendor made by Jim Henderson, seconded by Kevin Lane and unanimously approved.
 - B. **Kayak Rack Discussion-** Larry Ritzhaupt explained the Conservation Commission would like to form a subcommittee to find a site for a town kayak rack facility and build a plan for such site. This subcommittee would be made of representatives from Conservation, P&R Commission and Harbor Management. Bob Murphy provided an overview of what the Harbor Management Commission has done at Sheffield Street dock and their kayak rack rental program. Commissioners asked questions. Two sites Parks & Rec suggested are Founders Park and Gardiner's Landing. Jona Paradis volunteered to be on the subcommittee.
 - C. **Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel-** Jona Paradis reported on the following: second round of winter programs has begun, after school programs have sold out with a good response from the middle school age, Little League spring training has begun and the spring/summer booklet is ready and online. He also stated the Easter Egg Hunt, Rock Hunt and Fishing Derby are upcoming in April and T-ball has six teams this year.

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8. Old Business

A. All Parks Review – Ray Allen reported the Fort Monument sign material is ready and now the signs can be made. It was also reported the fields are still wet and can't be groomed and the holes at Gardiner's Landing have been filled.

B. Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion- The Inland Wetlands March 17th meeting will determine if disc golf is a regulated use at Town Park. If so, that will need 2 months for approval. All money has been secured for this project. Wetland flags were installed last week at Town Park which allows Jacobsen to complete the site plan, this has a 12-week lead time.

C. Preserve Update- Susan Esty reported the Adhoc met with DEEP hunting and forestry specialists. The GEI report is done! She stressed the cooperative management agreement doesn't seem to be a balanced partnership with the State and more open communication is needed. The Adhoc will be speaking with the Selectmen regarding this.

D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel- Jim Henderson presented possible bike pump locations: rec center, Town Beach, Saybrook Point, Town Park and Trask. Ray Allen suggested Saybrook Point and Town Beach to start. EDC and Chamber of Commerce want to know if they could help grant wise with this project. Each rack is \$750.

9. Reports

A. Chairman's Report – The Chair attended the following: Feb 8 ARPA Adhoc, Feb 24 Preserve Adhoc, March 1 town budget meeting and the March 3 Preserve Adhoc. The ARPA Adhoc will be wanting input from Parks & Rec regarding infrastructure projects. The Chair would like input from commissioners regarding the "Smoke on the Water" project which will come to meeting March 21st.

B. Director's Report – The Director outlined the town's new grant management policy. The program assistant position is now externally posted until March 18th.

C. Liaison Reports – Nancy Gatta reported the Rays for Rams \$150,000 charge has been met and the light company contract has been signed. They are hoping to break ground after 4th of July and the project will take all summer. Brick orders have been extended through April 1st and will install next spring. She also suggested asking Rob Lemire to be on the kayak subcommittee.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. made by Kevin Lane, seconded by Jim Henderson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

NEXT MEETING APRIL 13, 2022

Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk