



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Parks & Recreation Commission

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

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*Star Rueckert
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Nancy Gatta
Jane Wisialowski*

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

Wednesday, January 12, 2022; 6:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:33p.m.
Present were: Director Ray Allen, Susan Esty, Jane Wisialowski, Jim Henderson, Kevin Lane (virtual), Star Rueckert (virtual), Nancy Gatta (virtual), Bror Ashe (virtual)
Absent: None
Also present: Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk
2. **Approval of December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – MOTION to accept the minutes of December 8, 2021 made by Jim Henderson, seconded by Jane Wisialowski MOTION to amend December 8, 2021 minutes section 7A “*Susan Esty nominated Kevin Lane, 2nd by Jim Henderson*” made by Jim Henderson seconded by Kevin Lane and unanimously approved.
3. **Recognition of Guests** – None
4. **Correspondence** – None
5. **Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills for the month of December in the amount of \$35,477.50.
6. **Public Comments-** None
7. **New Business**
 - A. **Beach Pass/Parking Discussion-** Ray Allen began discussion on the current beach pass policy. He highlighted the definition of part time renters who rent only for 1 to 4 weeks. Commissioners agreed to provide more public education of the existing policy through the rec website, beach pass website, front office staff and educating real estate rental offices. The beach parking attendants can communicate to the office offending pass holders. It was suggested to put “passes are not transferable” in the beach pass policy and seasonal renters cannot apply for “recreation parking pass” instead of season pass.
 - B. **Covid-19 Monument Discussion-** Commissioners agreed to table discussion.
 - C. **Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel-** None
8. **Old Business**
 - A. **All Parks Review** – No update
 - B. **Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion-** Ray Allen distributed the Jacobsen & Associates Clark Community Park site plan for review. This plan is a first step and cost estimates are coming. Disc golf overlay has been done, but is not presented and will be going to inland wetlands for discussion. The STEAP grant Town Park bathroom will be by the proposed softball field and is in the works.

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C. Preserve Update- Susan Esty stated they are waiting for the GEI recreation study and the State will be coming to discuss harvesting trees and hunting in the Preserve.

D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel- None

9. Reports

A. Chairman's Report – The Chairman attended the Preserve Ad Hoc and CMC meetings. She also attended the ARPA Ad Hoc and asked commissioners to submit to her any project ideas.

B. Director's Report – There was discussion on the 2022-2023 budget presentation. The idea of raising fees to cover increased minimum wage costs has yet to be discussed with the town. It was suggested to put strategic plan items into the accomplishments, objectives or long range goals section of the budget presentation. The budget presentation will given January 29th.

C. Liaison Reports – None

MOTION to adjourn at 7:52p.m. made by Jim Henderson seconded by Jane Wisialowski and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Antolino
Recording Clerk

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2022