

Madison Beach and Recreation Department  
Monthly Commission Meeting  
August 5, 2016

**In attendance were:** Paul Maxwell, Mary Pat Nardino, Shane Kokoruda, Mike Ciotti, Scot Erskine-Director, Tom Banisch - First Selectman, William Piggott

Absent: Emily Rosenthal, Joe Oslander, Ted Rahmann

Called to order by Maxwell at 7:35am

I. Approval of Minutes dated July 8, 2016.

Motion made by Nardino to approve minutes.

Second by Kokoruda. Approved

II. Chairman's Report – No Correspondence.

III. Public Comments – None

IV. Sections Reports

a. Strong Field – Banisch stated that they were still working with the state and the local bidder of the project to construct the two field houses. Hope to get it all straightened out and work to start mid September with a completion in the Spring of 2017. Work on Plaza moving along.

b. Facilities – Erskine reported that the parking lot fencing was being completed and that some brickwork was needed as by the building.

Banisch reported that the bids for Upper Town Campus Came in well over budget. Field plan will need to be revisited to see what we can do or if we just leave it alone.

Field Advisory Committee – Maxwell suggested that Kokoruda be the Liaison as Rosenthal is unable to attend the meetings. Kokoruda agreed to be Liaison. Committee needs to be more involved and active in developing the rest/maintenance/improvements of the towns field inventory moving forward .

c. Bauer Park

Committee working on the Festival, Donations are coming in. Grant submitted by Erskine to help fund the Dog Park. He will find out at the end of August if the project gets funded. Could be up to \$25,000. Also working on a donation board to help bring awareness and push for more public financing.

d. Rockland Preserve

Single-track system one of the top 50 most popular across US and is one of the most popular destinations in Connecticut Eagle Scout placing in picnic tables and Message board at Route 79 parking lot.

e. Salt Meadow Park

Piggott stated that the Sign dedication will be held August 11 at 6pm. Sign is being installed at beginning of the week. He invited the Commission and hoped that they would come by.

f. Greenway Trail

No report

g. Programs

Staff working on Fall programs.

h. Personnel

Staffing will start to lean out as Colleges will be starting. Erskine stated that we would cover as best we can for as long as we can. Will post areas that are not covered.

V. Old Business: no report

VI. New Business –

Agenda was opened at the request of First Selectman Banisch to discuss the use of Drones in town. Motion to open to discuss drones – Nardino, Second Kokoruda. Carried.

Banisch reported that he had met with Town Insurance. Right now town does not allow the use of Drones. Will need to be more formalized soon. Awaiting word back from Insurance company. He distributed sample ordinances for the commission to look at. He did not ask for any work to be done at the present time. He just wanted to give the heads up to the Commission.

VII: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Nardino, Second by Kokoruda. Meeting adjourned at 8:20am.