

Beach and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Meeting Place: Zoom Video Conferencing

Members Present: Rob Card (Chair), Mary Patricia Nardino (Vice Chair), Vince Dussich and Pamela Greene.

Members not Present: Shane Kokoruda.

Others Present: Scot Erskine (Director of Beach & Rec)

Rob called the meeting at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes- MP approved the December minutes and Vince seconded. All members present were in favor. MP and Scott mentioned changing Hopei Cat to Catamaran. MP approved the January minutes and Vince seconded. All members present were in favor.

Public Comments- None

Chair's Comments- Rob mentioned he met with Scott and talked about maybe adding a feedback link on the website so people can have a place to leave comments or questions. MP mentioned there is a place for that exact thing on the front page of the Town of Madison homepage. Rob mentioned discussing the fee increase again because last meeting this item was tabled.

Director's Report- Scot mentioned the maintenance crew is recovering from the storm and now working on fixing picnic tables and constructing the new boat racks so that they will be ready for the spring time. He mentioned that his department is working remotely and that no programs are being run. The gym is being used as the Town's vaccination center so no programs or activities can take place there. Scot mentioned that the Surf Club lost a neutral in the power grid. He is trying to figure out what impact that will have on the Surf Club because they are without power and heat. He mentioned with all the snow that Bauer Park was able to be shoveled out and a little bit of Salt Meadow was shoveled. He discussed which parking lots are shoveled and which lots are closed due to the amount of snow Madison gets during the winter. Surf Club, East and West Wharf are all shoveled out. He mentioned that the BOS and BOF reviewed the Beach and Rec budget at the workshop they had. He mentioned that if the department can eventually be able to run programs that would help add some revenue and help with the budget. He talked about doing a ski program with Southington so that

the public would have something to do with their children. There also was a basketball program mentioned for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. That information is posted on the Town website.

Old Business- The fee price increase was discussed to see if this is a good time to increase prices or if the commission should wait till next year. Scot mentioned the increase in boat fees is going forward for November. Scot added that the commission has not increased prices in quite a number of years. He talked about the fee increase for the beach passes due to the increase in staff and covering and maintaining the beaches. There was a discussion that due to the level of services received in Madison for the beaches then maybe the fees for the beach passes should increase because of that. There was a discussion about the minimum wage increase and if the Town wants full time life guards and gate guards then you need to some how pay for that.

New Business-

Public Comments- None

Adjournment- The meeting ended at 8:16pm. Pam motioned to end the meeting and Vince seconded. All members present were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo