

Beach & Recreation Committee

Meeting Date: March 1, 2022

Meeting Place: Zoom

Members Present: Rob Card (Chair), MP Nardino (Vice Chair), Pam Greene, Shane Kokoruda and Vince Dussich.

Others Present: Austin Hall (beach & Rec Director), Bruce Wilson (BOS Liaison) and Joe Oslander (Bauer Park).

Call to Order: Rob called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pelage of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Minutes: The February 1, 2022 minutes were approved. MP approved the minutes as submitted and Pam seconded. All members present were in favor.

Public Comment: None

Chair's Report: Masks are not required in school's anymore. There will be a discussion whether to have to committee meet in person or not for the meetings going forward. Rob wanted to discuss the beach passes and pricing. Tickets sales will go on sale on Monday. He thanked Austin and MP for the survey. The April meeting will be the staffing meeting for the summer time. The fourth of July activities were mentioned.

Old Business: The sailing program discussed by Austin and Vince. Austin mentioned that he got some really good responses through the Beach & Rec emailing list. He has two very good candidates to interview.

New Business: In person meetings going forward was voted on. There was a motion be Rob to open up the discussion about in person meetings and Vince seconded it. All members approved meeting person for meetings going forward.

Rob motioned to move into Item C Pricing after the Director's Report. Rob motioned to discuss and MP seconded it. All members present were in favor.

Director's Report: Austin talked about the Spring and Summer programs going online soon. Boat rack renewals and mooring post applications were discussed. The mooring post is a lottery that everyone can participate in. People will have until March 31 to renew their boat rack. If people are renewing their mooring post, the lottery will take place April 8. If people get picked for the lottery they can moor their boat at West Wharf. Garden Plots at Bauer Park was discussed. If people had gardens last year they are able to renew this year. Once the date passes anyone that is new and wants a garden can rent a plot for the year. Austin discussed the beach and rec department. He mentioned that Academy Community

Center was approved at the referendum in February. He mentioned spring sports will be starting as soon as the fields are good. The big Belly garbage cans was discussed. The Town will be getting six more of these garbage cans. Bauer Park will start to have Bee keeping programs come this spring and summer. The Garden Club at Bauer Park will take on this program. The Ski Bus program will end next week he mentioned. He also mentioned that Rec Basketball went well and ended a couple of weeks ago. There were no incidents to discuss. The department is starting to receive applications for summer employment.

Project Updates: Bauer Walkway was discussed. It is almost complete. Handle rails will be going up as the next step in the project. The Pavilion at Salt Meadow is up. They are just waiting for the weather to break so they can pour the floor. The Town is partnering with Madd for Trees who will be planting trees at Salt Meadow Park. The restroom facilities for Salt Meadow was discussed. There was mentioned that the concerts will resume at the Beach Hotel like they used to be. There was an update about the gym floor.

There was a discussion about Beach Pass Pricing and what was done in the past based on pricing for each year.

Public Comment: Joe Oslander discussed the pollinating garden that will be on the North side of Cold Pond.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7: 48 p.m. Shane motioned to adjourn and Vince seconded. All members present were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Panzo