

Beach and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: September 7, 2021

Meeting Place: Zoom

Members Present: Rob Card (Chair), Mary Pat Nardino (Vice Chair), Pamela Greene, Vince Dussick and Shane Kokoruda.

Others Present: Austin Hall (Senior Center Director/Beach & Rec Director), Bruce Wilson (Board of Selectman Liaison), and Ally Kosmala (Supervisor of summer staff)

Call to order: Rob Card called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from July 6, 2021 were approved. Vince approved the minutes and Pam seconded. Comment to add the attendance to the June minutes to read that Rob Card, Mary Pat Nardino, Vince Dussick and Austin Hall all attended the July 6, 2021 meeting. Shane Kokoruda was not in attendance for that meeting. Under old business it should read that Pam did not mention a concert on the green for this upcoming weekend. All members present were in favor.

Public Comment: None

Chair's Report: Rob thanked Austin and his staff for the great work they did manning the gates. He also thanked everyone for being at this meeting seeing how a lot has to be discussed.

Director's Report: Austin mentioned that fall programming is up and running. Classes have begun. He stated that on the town website there is a list of programs for October-January. He is looking for people to work at the gym as facilities attendants. The gym will be open for recreational sports in the next few months. There was a discussion with the Health Director Trent Joseph about opening up the fitness room. Due to the lack of ventilation in there he recommends not opening up that room at this time.

Austin mentioned that there will be a concert on the green this Sunday. The attendance has been great. Over 400 people have been attending every Sunday for the concerts. Austin mentioned incidents that usually occur throughout the summer time.

The light poles for the Surf Club courts are in he mentioned. He talked about waiting on the surveyor to survey Salt Meadow along the dog park area. The Big Belly garbage cans should be in within the next couple of weeks for the Downtown area. He mentioned that he will be meeting with an engineer Wednesday to discuss future projects in the town. The Bauer walkway was discussed. There was a discussion about

the renovations of the tennis and pickle ball courts. Storm recovery was discussed. The budget was discussed.

Old Business: Austin discussed how to was to be in charge of the summer staff for the first time. He mentioned what Ally did this summer with the staff and how she trained them. He was very please with how everyone worked together this summer. Ally discussed how the summer went with the staff. The discussion of how the day passes were being sold was discussed. Austin discussed the number of passes sold for the year. 3,536 non-senior resident passes were sold. 3,617 senior passes were sold. 7,153 total Madison beach passes were sold this beach season. 2,845 daily beach passes were sold this season. 791 non-resident passes were sold. 37,348 total number of vehicles that entered the beaches this year. Hammonasset closed twice during the beach season. East Wharf closed three times. West Wharf closed four times. Austin mentioned looking at staffing for next year. Bringing back of the lifeguards was discussed. The cost of the beach passes was mentioned. The sailing program was discussed. There was a discussion of the commission doing another survey like they had done in the past years.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:37pm.