

Subject to Approval

Beach & Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: October 5, 2021

Meeting Place: Zoom

Members Present: Mary Pat Nardino (Acting Chair), Pamela Greene, Vince Dussich

Members not Present: Rob Card (Chair), Shane Kokoruda.

Others Present: Austin Hall (Beach & Rec Director), Graham Curtis (Coastal Resiliency Committee), Joseph Oslander (Rockland Preserve Committee)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes: The September minutes were approved.

Chair's Report: The survey that was submitted to the Source was discussed.

New Business: Graham discussed what the Coastal Resiliency Committee does and some of the projects that they had. The committee was created in 2019 by the Board of Selectman. The two storms that year and the rise of the sea level was a concern for the Town of Madison, so the committee was created to give the Town of Madison more resiliency and help when things that that happen. In 2016 the Town of Madison received a grant from the State of CT, along with Milford and Branford to create a Coastal Resiliency Committee. The plan back in 2016 was more of an idea of what could be done in the future. The year the committee was created the State of CT created a new regulation in order to formalize recommendations for the sea level rise for towns to start planning on how to handle it. The regulation was for 20" in sea level rise by 2050. There were some projects discussed that take top priority. The Sea Wall Project was one of them. Circle Beach Project was mentioned along with the Middle Beach Project. The Dunes at the Surf Club Project was mentioned. The flooding at Island Avenue and Middle Beach Road is a high priority project.

Director's Report: Austin mentioned the staffing at the town gym is needed. The survey that was created by the Beach & Recreation Committee in The Source was discussed. The rentals at the surf club was discussed. There have been quite a few weddings at the Surf Club. There have also been quite a few class reunions held there as well. The budget was mentioned. The skate park graffiti is an issue and was discussed. The Big Belly trash cans are on their way and should arrive soon. The Salt Meadow Pavilion and bathrooms are being shipped and will be constructed and up and running before the winter. The Bauer Park Walkway is out to bid and there is a walk through on the 13th. DEEP is one of the potential bidders. The Bauer Farm House Project will have a

November RFP and work will start in the Spring. The Concession Stand at the Surf Club will be closed for the season and they will fix the motor/exhaust system there. That will be done towards the end of this month. The Dog Park at Salt Meadow is still being worked on. The fencing for the dog park should be completed by early Spring hopefully. Two more pickle ball nets have been ordered and are in already. Registration for pickle ball has already started.

Old Business: Vince talked about the sailing program. Vince gave Austin some updates along with pictures about the boats that are down there and the shape they are in. Some of them need to be repaired. Vince mentioned that the sailing program might not go forward and be like it was pre COVID. Sailing Programs in other shore line towns was discussed. Joe talked about the 50k race that Guilford puts on and how it is in it's 14th or 15 year and how it goes through Rockland Preserve. He also mentioned the Bauer Farm fair. He mentioned getting Quinnipiac students to come out and work on the trails. The playground at Rockland Preserve was mentioned. The different bike trails were mentioned.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:00pm. Pam motioned to adjourn the meeting and Vince seconded. All members present were in favor.