

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2014

Attending: C. Deming; C. Grillo; B. Parker; W. Parkus; M. Roberts; T. Quinn
Guests: M. Colpoys; J. Lake; K. Moffatt; D. Moreau; S. Wheeler

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Guests & Audience

1. Dan Carbo - Disc Golf Course Presentation

Mr. Carbo was not in attendance at the meeting.

2. Youth Helping Youth – “Mean It” Campaign

Mr. Parker recognized Messrs. Moreau, Lake and Moffett who provided information on the “Mean It” campaign. Mr. Moreau advised that that campaign has a goal of getting students involved in the community, fostering intergenerational relationships and providing positive role models for the Town’s youth. He stated that they would like to work with the Parks and Recreation Commissioners on any appropriate projects.

It was noted that the students’ do not have a strong communication with the Town Departments, Boards and Commissions and they would like to improve that. The Commissioners brainstormed ideas with the students; one of the ideas discussed was to appoint a student representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Quinn stated she would reach out to the Mean It committee and set-up a time to discuss a partnership with the Commission.

3. Commission Applicant

Mr. Parker introduced Mary Colpoys, a Parks & Recreation Commission applicant. Dr. Colpoys provided information on her background and advised that she is a physician in West Hartford and stated that her two sons participated in Parks and Rec activities when they were younger. Dr. Colpoys also advised that she had been a member of the Middle School Building Committee.

Dr. Colpoys responded to several questions and she and the Commissioners discussed the Parks and Rec programs and plans. The Commissioners thanked her for her interest in serving on the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. DEMMING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2014 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Quinn reported that as of the end of the 2013-14 Fiscal Year, the Commission had expended \$106,081.47, leaving a balance of \$2937.53.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. PARKUS, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT. UNANIMOUS AYE.

Committee Reports

Ms. Demming and Ms. Roberts reported that Music on the River had had its most successful year ever and donations exceeded any other year. The Committee members expressed concerns about liability from children straying into off-limits areas stated she would discuss their request with Mr. Walter.

Directors Report

Ms. Quinn reported on the following items:

- She and several Town representatives met with people who live near the skateboard park and have expressed several concerns. She advised that they discussed several potential solutions to their concerns.
- Mr. Carbo has expressed interest in creating a disc golf course in Town and has talked with her and Mr. Ventres about several potential sites.
- She feels that Parks and Recreation needs to promote itself more and she will be working to accomplish that. She solicited volunteers to help distribute materials at the upcoming School Open Houses.
- She will attend the September Board of Finance meeting to open up a dialogue with them regarding the Commission.

Ms. Quinn advised that she is going to be assigned a secretary for 10-hrs per week and she and the Commissioners discussed potential schedules.

Old Business

There was no Old Business discussed at the meeting

New Business

The Commissioners discussed the two applicants under consideration. Mr. Parker advised that, due to competing priorities, he has decided to resign from the Commission. He noted that he planned to make his resignation effective at the end of August, however, he stated he could be flexible.

MS. ROBERTS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. PARKUS TO RECOMMEND MADELENE FRANCESE AND DR. MARY COLPOYS TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Next Meeting

The Commissioners reviewed their calendars and agreed to change the date of their next meeting.

MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. GRILLO, TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THEIR SEPTEMBER MEETING FROM THE 18TH TO THE 25TH. UNANIMOUS AYE.

There was no addition business discussed at the meeting.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. DEMING TO ADJOURNE THE MEETING. UNANIMOUS AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary