

East Haddam Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Chick Grillo, Mary Colpoys, Madeleine Francese, Cynthia Deming, Margy Roberts, Ed Smith, Walt Parkus, John Gowac, Ernie Malavasi. Nell Reinwald, Tiffany Quinn

Absent: Michael Michalski

Chick made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the December 18, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mary and approved unanimously

Chick made a motion to dispense with the Treasures Report since the budget discussion will follow later in the meeting, seconded by Mary; approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Music on the River- it was noted that the Selection Committee will need to set meeting dates. The members of the Selection Committee thought that Wednesdays might work and Cynthia offered to email Candy and Anthony.

Directors Report-

Field Maintenance was discussed, as well as the budgeting of ongoing repairs and upgrades.

Budget Discussion: The 2015-2016 budgets were discussed. Ernie suggested that the Disk Golf budget be reviewed lowered. Chick agreed to contact Mr. Laffan and Mr. Carbo to discuss ways to lower the budget. Locations for the Disk Golf Park were also discussed and it was agreed that a location would be needed to proceed. John agreed to contact Jim Ventres to gather more information about the Harris Property. The Director's Salary was discussed. The Commission decided that further consideration and research should be done. The current salary appeared to be behind that of other similar town positions and those in our locale. Tiffany agreed to gather more information and present it to the commissioners.

The following items were also discussed:

The addition of \$315 in the budget with the intent of pursuing the licensing of our summer day camps through the State of CT.

The addition of a \$5000 donation from Consumers Union to fund a scholarship fund that would be managed by the Directors of East Haddam Parks and Recreation, Youth and Family Services and Dare for support of families in need to attend any recreation program.

Ernie suggested adding a “place holder” in our capital improvement budget for the Rotary Skate pond. As of June 1, 2015 the Rotary Club of East Haddam will be disbanding and will donate the pond to the Town of East Haddam. This will likely fall under the Recreation Dept. There are no expenses associated with the acceptance of the skating pond to date. The Commission agreed to add a line to the capital improvement budget.

The Open Space Commission needs a representative from the Recreation Commission. Tiffany is willing to go to most meetings (4th Monday of the month), but a resident of East Haddam who is not an employee must be the official member. Mary Colpoys offered to apply.

John made a motion to accept the budget as amended and presented with the exception of Disc Golf and the Director Salary (to be completed by Feb. 8th), seconded by Cynthia, approved unanimously.

Tiffany reported that she had received a phone call from the son of the owner of Banner, Inc. who interested in further discussions about sharing space for recreation programs.

Chick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John, approved unanimously at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Quinn

Minutes were accepted as written at the February, 12, 2015 meeting of the Recreation Commission