

**East Haddam Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017**

Attending: D. Carbo; M. Colpoys; M. Francese; C. Grillo; W. Parkus; M. Roberts; T. Quinn
Absent: J. Gowac; P. Laffan; M. Michalski
Guests: S. Wheeler

Mr. Parkus called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Guests & Audience

The discussion concerning the East Haddam Community Lions was tabled.

Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2016 Special Meeting

MS. FRANCESE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

New Business

1. Meeting Dates – July, Aug, Oct

Ms. Quinn advised that the July and August meetings conflict with the Music on the River schedule. The Commissioners agreed to revisit this agenda item when it is closer to those meeting dates and make a decision on whether to re-locate, reschedule, or cancel the July and August meetings. She further advised that the October meeting is scheduled on a holiday (Columbus Day) and the Commissioners agreed to reschedule that meeting for October 16th.

The Commissioners discussed the location for the Rec Commission meetings and agreed to hold the remainder of their 2017 meeting at the Elementary School.

Old Business

1. Budget 2017-2018 –

Ms. Quinn distributed copies of the draft 2017-2018 budget and the Commissioners discussed the changes in the proposed budget.

In response to a request by Ms. Quinn, Mr. Laffan agreed to provide pictures of the disc golf course for the Facilities Director to present to the Board of Selectmen when he requests additional funds for benches and scorecards. He also advised that a very complimentary comment about the course was posted on its Facebook page.

Ms. Francese recommended that the narrative section should include a reference to the number of individuals the Director interacts with and who are impacted by the Rec programs

Ms. Quinn reported that she met with the new president of the Soccer Club and they discussed duplication of efforts. She said they agreed that Soccer Club will recruit 3rd graders and older and the Rec Commission will continue the program for the younger groups. The Commissioners discussed the change and were unanimous in their support.

Ms. Quinn advised that she has retained the services of a facilitator for the Rec Commission's SWAT analysis who will assist with implementing the project over the next several meetings.

DR. COLPOYS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. FRANCESE, TO SUBMIT THE RECREATION COMMISSION'S 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET, AS PRESENTED, TO THE FINANCE DIRECTOR. UNANIMOUS AYE.

2. Commission Application

Ms. Quinn reported that two Commissioners are resigning and requested the other Commissioners give some thought to potential applicants. There was a general discussion regarding desired qualifications.

3. Director's Report

There was no additional discussion under this agenda item.

Next Meeting

Ms. Quinn advised that the next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School.

There was no additional discussion at the meeting.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. ROBERTS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. UNANIMOUS AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary