

**East Haddam Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2016**

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

Mr. Parkus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Guests & Audience

The discussion concerning the East Haddam Community Lions was tabled.

Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2016 Special Meeting

DR. COLPOYS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

New Business

1. Budget 2017-2018 –

Ms. Quinn reported that all budget lines were positive. She noted that the Music on the River account had a balance of approximately \$9,500.00 and Day Camp has a balance of approximately \$4,500.00 which should be moved into the scholarship fund.

2. Commission Application

Ms. Quinn advised that Patrick Laffan had submitted an application to the Recreation Commission. The Commissioners considered Mr. Laffan's application.

MS. ROBERTS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. GRILLO, TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THAT PATRICK LAFFAN BE APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION. UNANIMOUS AYE.

3. Director's Report

Ms. Quinn Reported on the following:

- She would like the Commissioners to think about the following items relative to the 2018-2019 budget:
 - Increasing the Lifeguards' budget line to cover the cost of a staff person to maintain the Town Beach grounds during the early part of the season before the lifeguards start work.
 - Funding for additional staff to supervise activities in the new gym.

- Early licensing of the day camp which will necessitate sharing the time/cost of a school nurse.
- Requesting approximately \$1,000.00 for furniture for the Recreation Department's activity space in the new municipal office building.
- Funds to improve the Town parks' handicap accessibility.

- Ms. Quinn circulated a grid with her responses to parents' comments she received on the Soccer Survey.

- She reviewed changes that were made to last year's Girls Basketball program and advised that, this year, she had returned to the original format. She noted that a parent may attend the next Commission meeting to discuss the basketball program's format changes.

- There are no rules in the Recreation Commission's by-laws mandating a specific level of attendance/participation; however, Ms. Quinn expressed concern about Commissioners that do not attend meetings regularly. Mr. Parkus stated he will contact Mr. Michalski to discuss whether or not he wants to remain on the Recreation Commission.

Next Meeting

Ms. Quinn advised that the next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for January 9th and reminded the Commissioners that the 2017 meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Riverhouse.

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 7:45 p.m.

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