

**East Haddam Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2017**

Attending: D. Carbo; M. Colpoys; M. Davis; M. Francese; C. Grillo; P. Laffan; W. Parkus; T. Piscioti;  
M. Roberts; T. Quinn  
Guests: E. Haynes; G. McVerry; S. Wheeler

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

**Guests & Audience**

Ms. Haynes introduced herself and stated that Ms. Quinn had invited her to attend the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting**

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. FRANCESE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

**Committee Reports**

- Music On The River - Ms. Quinn reported that, due to weather, two of the six concerts had to be held in the High School auditorium. As a result, donations were low and revenue was flat from last year. She noted that the Goodspeed has offered Tuesdays as rain dates for next season.

Ms. Quinn stated that the sub-committee is scheduled to meet next week to begin planning for next summer's concerts.

- Disk Golf – Mr. Laffan reported that there has been some vandalism at the course which has been repaired. He also stated that the committee has established a policy of to deal with equipment left behind by players. They will hold the equipment for 3-months and then offer it for sale. Proceeds will go toward maintenance of the course.

**New Business**

Mr. Parkus asked Mr. McVerry to report on his analysis of the SWOT meetings. Mr. McVerry distributed copies of his report and reviewed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats raised by the Commissioners at the meetings. He also reviewed his analysis and recommendations for Youth Sports, Youth Education, Adult Programming, and Governance.

In response to his request for feedback, the Commissioners agreed that he had done a good job capturing their thoughts and stated they would like some time to digest his report before providing feedback. There was a general discussion regarding several of the findings in the report.

**Director's Report** - Ms. Quinn reported the following:

- Day camp was extended to eight weeks this summer and it went very well. The results from the parents' survey were very favorable; however, counselors voiced some concerns in their surveys. She reviewed several of the comments from the counselors' survey. She also reported that there is approximately \$4,000.00 of camp tuition still outstanding.
- It is extremely expensive to rent a bus for (special events) for summer programs and the Commissioners brainstormed possible alternatives and agreed that the options are limited.
- In response to a request for individuals to work on updating the Recreation Commission's section in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, Dr. Colpoys and Mr. Davis volunteered.
- The Commission will have to establish a Budget Sub-Committee.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed at the meeting.

**Next Meeting**

Mr. Parkus noted that the next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School.

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