

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Wednesday May 29th, 2019 5:30pm**

Members Present: David Oliver, Robert Enos, Brandon Quesnell, Kristin Hatch, Tim Downey, Cathy Nagorski

Members Absent: Heather Rogers

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta;

New Business:

- A) Reappointment of Recreation Commission member to the Community Preservation committee-
Brandon M explains that Kirstin's term as the Recreation representative on the community preservation committee ends on June 30th 2019. Kristin has told me that she would like to fill that seat for another term, but wanted to give this opportunity to anyone else that might be interested.
David O- Motion to appoint Kristin Hatch to another Term on the Community Preservation commission effective July 1st.
Bobby- Second
Voted 5-0 to reappoint Kristin Hatch to the Community Preservation Committee.
- B) Meeting Schedule- Brandon Explains that he cannot commit to two meetings per month during July and August and would like to amend the meetings schedule to 6/12, 7/10, 8/7 and 9/11.
Cathy- I know during July and August Brandon is extremely busy, would it be easier to meet at 3:30 on the July and August dates?
Commission agrees to meet at 3:30 on 7/10 & 8/7.
Cathy also suggest that we schedule a joint meeting with the school committee in June to discuss sports. I think we need to get together and discuss what we can offer together for sports in the next calendar school year. Its seems to me that its two organizations providing sports for the same kids, and it makes more sense to me to be more cohesive and have a better approach if we organize as one.
Brandon will schedule a June meeting with the school committee, which will be at the high school.

Old Business:

- A) Conservation Restriction for Hall Property- Brandon had scheduled Mark Robinson from the Compact for Cape Cod Conservation Trusts to review this document, but cancelled last minute. Let's review and have any questions ready for Mark, and have him at our next meeting.
Kristin- Happy that Active and Passive Recreation is finally defined and that active Recreation is now included in the allowed uses. Question that still remains is whether large or private events are allowed to reserve this space?
David- Agreed, my question about having non amplified music is not addressed in this document. Discussion among the commission on whether or not there should be private events on the property.
Cathy- I think we are too far ahead of ourselves, I think that the hall property subcommittee should have their views heard and then the commission can discuss the allowances of the property.
Kristin- Asks if there are any other towns that have been in the same situation where a restriction on a property has been presented with the acquisition of a new park by the town? Is there a model that we can follow to still allow some of the items listed, meanwhile still protecting the conservation values associated? I think we are all in agreement that we need a restriction to make sure the park doesn't turn into a parking lot. Can you ask Tim Famulare if he can present a few models that we can go by? Brandon will ask if Tim knows any such models, and that he be present when Mark meets with us, as he has a better understanding of these restrictions than I do.

Director's Report:

- A) Summer Program- June 17th- August 23rd Monday – Friday 9am-3pm. Seasonal staff has been hired, CPR training will be on June 1st from 9am-3pm. Orientation for the staff will begin June 13th, and the timing of it all is great because we have the staff work parts of the afterschool program to become more acquainted with Recreation programs.

Assistant Director Report: None. Brandon states that Caroline has already worked her 8 hours today, and being a union Employee that she is no allowed to work more than 8hrs per day without compensation of overtime. I will be rearranging her schedule in the future to be able to attend these meetings.

Other:

Brandon Q- Inquires about the Departments publicly for programs, and what's done to advertise these programs? From your reports it seems as your having trouble getting children to sign up for these awesome programs so I am wondering is it a publicity issue?

Brandon M- We currently just advertise via email, Facebook page and website.

Brandon Q- My concern is that people don't know about a lot of these things, people are asking me where can I do pickle ball? Or where can I schedule such and such activity, and I just don't know the answer. So I am wondering if we should change resources from providing these programs where you are struggling to get children to participate and move them to better promote and organize adult activities and opportunities?

Brandon M- Just because we are struggling to get children to some events, I don't believe I will ever stop trying programs that entice children to participate, I certainly don't think that's the answer. Do I think we can do a better job at organizing and promoting more adult programs? Certainly. I have limited resources in terms of that category, with an inadequate advertisement budget of only \$150.

Brandon Q- What's the offerings like in terms of Children and adult programs?

Brandon M- Ball park I would say it's pretty close to 50/50. We do offer a lot of adult programs in the evenings and am, then obviously we provide children programs to cover gaps where school is not in session. It's not like the effort isn't there we have tried adult programs that haven't gone well, and hence are not on the calendar.

David- I think it's the responsibility of the person interested in a program or hosting a program to get in contact with the Recreation Department. It's a two-step thing, where people need to initiate the conversation. I know for certain that as many times as you try to provide things for people who have expressed interest in them, people just have a hard time committing to these things.

Brandon Q- I mean just the website doesn't list all the programs I am listening to you report so who manages this?

Brandon M- All department heads are required to maintain their portion of the website and keep it update, I certainly have not been able to keep up with it the last few months. I haven't added all the programs we have, but again the information on the website certainly isn't inaccurate. What it comes down to is my availability to organize and promote these activities effetely. Maybe this is a discussion point where we talk about increasing staffing for the next Fiscal year.

Cathy- If you are not able to keep up with the creation and promoting of these programs, then we should defiantly consider this when it's time to review your budget.

Brandon M – Going into the busiest season for me what I can do is ask for all of your help, I would like to send all our current offerings and any new creation of programs to all of you to help spread the word of what we do. Now that we have an assistant Director in place we can also have better management of our website and Facebook account. This is not a permanent solution but it's what I am able to offer at the moment. I will also bring his proposed budget before the commission in September for review, with the consideration of creation of more programs and publicity of those additional programs.

Heather makes a motion to adjourn.

Robert seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.