

**BRIDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 2, 2015**

Present: Jim Moker, Brad Goldstein, Eric Soetbeer, Roberta Allen, Catherine Vikstrom,  
Mike Dubos  
Absent: Dawn MacNutt

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM

Review of Minutes: February 26, 2015 minutes were approved.

Correspondence: Todd Rowledge, Rowledge Farm Aquaculture

Coordinator's Report:

- March 2015 Report (submitted by Ann Virbickas).
- Water not yet available in kitchen/restrooms at Pavilion.
- Rental dates listed.
- Program enrollments reported.

Budget:

- March report unavailable

Old Business:

- Egg Hunt postponed until 4/11/15 due to inclement weather/facility conditions
- Yoga class is fully enrolled. Extra session to be offered
- Pickleball is fully enrolled. E Soetbeer will determine if the "ball wall" court is a suitable location for an outside court.
- Red Shed bathroom and entire Recreation Facility need regular policing by Town Constables, especially on weekends and after school ends. J Moker will discuss with First Selectman.
- Pavilion Coordinator – C Vikstrom to break responsibilities down between Administrative and Physical responsibilities. Job Description to be shared with Commission. E Soetbeer to make inquiries. Per visit fee discussed.
- Summer Camp – C Vikstrom has been in contact with past Directors and Counselors. Initial staffing requirements and availability of returning staff is taking place. Advertising of positions will take place through Region 12 and area universities.
- Fishing Derby – correspondence from Rowledge Farm discussed. Water samples will be made of our Rec. pond. M Dubos reports that prizes and arrangements are in place for Derby. C Vikstrom will file health permit and obtain bait and NO FISHING signs. M Dubos, E Soetbeer and J Moker will make reimbursable food purchases. C Vikstrom will set up sanitation station on site and take pictures for post-event press release. Order of 155 trout for Derby: approved.
- Commission to research non-chemical management of our pond.

New Business:

- Tennis Program: Dinesh Rajagopalan of New Milford Swim & Tennis Club was invited by R Allen to attend our meeting. Mr. Rajagopalan presented several attractive and reduced cost options for Bridgewater families including tennis instruction on our courts, instruction and camps on the New Milford courts, Pickleball programs on their outside courts, and a possible per-visit arrangement for use of the Club's swimming pool. Mr. Rajagopalan also kindly offered to assist

at our first Pickleball session at Burnham School on 4/20/15. C Vikstrom and R Allen will follow up with Mr. Rajagopalan to pursue these programs.

- Playground equipment / benches: As our visit to the park was postponed, discussion of bench purchases also postponed until next meeting. E Soetbeer confirms that the benches ordered for the basketball courts are in storage and need to be assembled and installed. Rol-dri units also still in storage for tennis and basketball courts.
- Newsletter: C Dwyer will take on publication of the Recreation Newsletter. A “point person” must be established on Rec, and a timeline of content submission, publication, and distribution deadlines created.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 PM

Next Meeting: April 23, 2015 7:00 PM

(To be preceded by a Commission visit to the Recreation Center, 6:30 PM)

Submitted by: Catherine Vikstrom