

Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission

August 7, 2017 7:00PM

Town Hall, Room 2

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: E. Kundahl, T. Loskant, F. Ricci, N. Kaplan, K. Moody, M. Pulse

Others Present: C. Preston, D. Mizla, T. Bruni, S. Langello

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1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by E. Kundahl.

2. Additions to the Agenda

N. Kaplan MOTIONED to add item # 6. Discussion of the Charter Revision changes and re number the subsequent items, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

K. Moody MOTIONED to table # 8. Discussion and Possible Action on Banners, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Acceptance of Minutes: June 5, 2017

K. Moody MOTIONED to accept the minutes from the June 5th meeting, SECONDED by T. Loskant. F. Ricci and L. Stephenson abstained. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Reading of Correspondence

E. Kundahl read an e-mail he received from Tricia Dean. She stated that the 2 applicants, Steve Langello & Tracey Bruni, that were interviewed at the 7-6-2017 BOS meeting were directed to attend a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to see if they what the commission was about. E. Kundahl then asked the applicants to talk about their interest in the commission and what they could potentially bring to the commission.

5. Committee Reports

- **Facilities** – No Report
- **Finance/Administration** – No Report
- **Programs** – No Report
- **BOS Liaison** – D. Mizla reported about the Charter Commission working on the explanatory text for the ballot questions for the November Election. Public hearing has taken place for changes currently presented. BOS has 45 days to review the Charter from the day it is submitted from the Charter Revision Commission. Denise reiterated that the car tax bills will not be sent until the State reaches its final budget.
- **BOF Liaison** – Not in attendance
- **BOE Liaison** – Not in attendance

6. Discussion of the Charter Revision changes

Commission members express concerns with the “Parks” part of Parks & Recreation being removed. The board questions the motivation behind the removal and feels it leaves “parks” in a vulnerable position. Questions were asked if the administrative part of “parks” would still remain with the “Recreation” Department. They also prefer having a description of the departments in the Charter. In the new charter, there is no description of the Departments and “Parks” is not mentioned any longer. The members have concerns about how the “parks” part was given to the Public Works department in the past when the Charter states it is part of the Parks and Recreation Department. They also noted that Youth and Social Services is not listed as a department. Commission members would have liked to have had the chance to give input. They would like their concerns reviewed by the Charter Review Board.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Rec Plex Field Walk thru

Due to inclement weather the walk thru was cancelled.

8. Discussion and Update on Field Improvement Fund

N. Kaplan presented the draft of the Field Sustainability/Improvement Fund and Policy Draft. The commission members discussed the changes that J. Paggioli made prior to the meeting. This draft was generated to be able to present to the Presidents of the sports leagues to relay to their participants. F. Ricci MOTIONED to approve the draft with the recommended changes, SECONDED by T. Loskant. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Banners

Item has been tabled to the next meeting.

10. Recreation Supervisor's Report

T. Loskant MOTIONED to accept the Supervisor's Report, SECONDED by K. Moody. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Recreation Manager's Report

N. Kaplan MOTIONED to accept the Supervisor's Report, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Citizen's Comments

None

12. Adjournment

F. Ricci MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Campbell, Clerk