

Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

Town Hall - Room 3 - 7:00 pm

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Members Present: N. Kaplan, F. Ricci, M. Pulse, L. Stephenson, T. Bruni

Others Present: C. Preston, D. Mizla, A. Shilosky, A. Bisbikos, T. Daniels, J. Blumberger

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by N. Kaplan

2. Additions to the Agenda

F. Ricci MOTIONED to add new agenda item #9 Dog Concerns at the Rec Plex, SECONDED by M. Pulse. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Acceptance of Minutes August 7th

F. Ricci MOTIONED to accept the minutes from the 8/7 meeting, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Reading of Correspondence

C. Preston presented correspondence from G. Lepage, Chairman Charter Revision Commission. He explained that the description of the department offices should be kept to the ordinances and not in the charter, because the charter can only be changed once every 10 years. A. Shilosky stated that the review of the ordinances will occur after the November election and a committee will be formed to do so. The Commission is still concerned with "Parks" being removed from the Charter. They want to ensure parks continue to be maintained and serviced at the highest level as they are important to the community. They want to be involved in the creation of the ordinance language changes.

5. Committee Reports

- **Facilities** – No Report
- **Finance/Administration** – No Report
- **Programs** – No Report
- **BOS Liaison** – D. Mizla stated that the Town is still waiting for the State Budget to pass. Charter Revision has presented their questions to the BOS, and the Town Clerk is working on the explanatory text.
- **BOF Liaison** – A. Bisbikos reiterated the waiting on the state budget.
- **BOE Liaison** – No one present

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Eagle Scout Project

K. Payne presented his final review of a completed project. His project was to revitalize the dugouts at R1 field. He was able to raise \$1400+ in funding for the dugout. CBSL paid for a new fence to be put up. K. Payne will donate \$150 of the remaining monies to CBSL.

7. Review of the Sept. 6 Presidents Meeting of the Sports Council

Commission members reviewed the minutes from the sports council meeting. No questions were asked.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Special events policy and banners

C. Preston presented some options to the Commission to increase revenue for the Recreation Department. The Dept budget was cut \$16,000 for 17-18 so there is a need to bring in more revenue to support Recreation services. One idea presented is to increase the town green rental fee, or increase the fee to rent the banner spot on the green and allow businesses to rent the already existing banner spot. Many businesses call asking to put up a banner in the existing location. No new locations will be created. The Commission asked for a formal proposal for the next meeting. F. Ricci suggested allowing signs to be put up at the rec plex for a fee also. E. Hampton and other towns are doing this as well.

9. Dog Concerns at the Rec Plex

T. Daniels and J. Blumberger stated that over the past week there have been 3 incidents involving dogs. The Colchester Soccer Club sent out a memo that no dogs are allowed on the field or spectator area during soccer practice or games. Many residents were upset with this decision. A. Shilosky was unable to find a policy or regulation of some kind that allowed them to restrict pets. According to previous minutes, the Park and Rec Commission granted Cougars Football to make such a recommendation for the field during their games. A. Shilosky will research and consult with the town lawyer and insurance company and present his findings at the next commission meeting.

10. Recreations Supervisor's Report

F. Ricci MOTIONED to accept the Supervisor's Report, SECONDED by T. Bruni. M. Pulse ABSTAINED. All other members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Recreation Manager's Report

L. Stephenson MOTIONED to accept the Manager's Report, SECONDED by M. Pulse. All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

12. Citizen's Comments

None

13. Adjournment

F. Ricci MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, SECONDED by M. Pulse. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Campbell,

Clerk