

Sandy Beach Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2018 at WZBG

Present: Ed Ryle, Chair, Andy Parker, Connie Gillman, Denise Parker, Jenn Parsons, Pam Wray, Corinne Houle. Also present: Todd Dyer, Beach Manager

Absent: Terry Connor, Tom Mathews, Karen Brady

The meeting was called to order @ 7:07 PM.

Move to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting: Andy Parker, second: Jenn Parsons, All in favor.

Treasurer's report submitted by Pam Wray: Cash Balance: \$2093.82. Restoration funds: \$2836.48. Morris funding has not yet been received because the budget has not passed.

Correspondence: A thank you was received from Mike Laurentano for allowing him to share his proposal with the Commission.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Beach use by Regatta Dock Systems -Discussion followed regarding: placement of dock, signage, staff needed for supervision, gate needed, risk to children, rules for use, liability, Beach Manager input. Moved by Ed Ryle, second, Jenn Parsons: The Commission will table the discussion regarding the dock system until the insurance companies from the two towns are contacted regarding liability of a new dock system which is accessible from the beach. All were in favor. Ed Ryle will contact the Litchfield Selectman's office and Corinne Houle will contact the Morris Selectman's office.
- Restoration project - The Commission will begin with two kayak racks which will hold twelve kayaks. Gary Gillman will build the racks. More racks will be built if patrons show interest and need. Information regarding rentals will be sent out before the season opening via EBlast, Sandy Beach website and Facebook. Fees were discussed. Moved by Jenn Parsons, second, Andy Parker: Fees for use would be \$50.00 per season per boat for beach patrons holding a season's pass. All in favor. Window replacements - Ed Ryle brought the original plans and measurements for the windows. Commission members will share the information with contractors for estimates.
- Beach manager: There has been no new communication regarding possible beach use for a wedding. Beach fees for 2018 for Commission consideration: \$65. Residents, \$100. Non - Residents, \$10. per car weekdays, \$20. per car weekends, \$1. hiker, biker, walk-ins, Jet skis: \$3. daily, \$10. weekends, Canoe or kayak, \$1, Vans: \$15. weekdays, \$30. weekends. Beach hours: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Move to accept the 2018 fees: Corinne Houle, second, Jenn Parsons. All in favor. Todd Dyer also suggested for Commission consideration: three week sessions for swim lessons, possible early morning swim team sessions for experienced swimmers. Also discussed were possible later swim lesson afternoon sessions, pre lifeguard training classes for older swimmers, enrollment changes if session lengths were changed. Jenn Parsons will seek input from the beach patrons regarding the possible three week sessions through the eblast. Todd Dyer will print the beach brochure for the season. Also suggested by the Beach Manager: extending an invitation to area schools and camps for beach visits. Beautification projects: Todd will request help from Terry Connor for rock removal. SBC members will help with other beach projects.
- Triathlon - Tentative date: July 27.
- Sandy Beach Committees - Fundraising for an AED is being pursued. Denise Parker contacted Litchfield Ambulance personnel and New Milford Hospital ED staff for help with AED selection. Jenn Parsons has talked to Lions' Club members about help with funding. The Commission is still waiting for cost figures for the appropriate device.

Move to adjourn: Corinne Houle, second: Andy Parker. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:10 PM.

Our next regular meeting will be held on *Thursday, March 15, 2018 @ 7:00 PM* at WZBG.

