

North Stonington Recreation Commission  
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Call to order at 6:15 pm. Director John Hines and all commissioners were present for the meeting. (Comeau, Rusich, Taylor, Robert, McCord, Perkins, and Welborn).

Director Hines and the commissioners took a brief trip to Hewitt Farm to discuss the layout for the May 3 Outdoor Expo.

There were no public comments or questions.

March minutes –A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the March meeting.

Financial Report – The Financial Report was reviewed.

- It seems likely there will likely be unspent funds at the end of the budget year. Commissioners were encouraged to consider worthwhile ways to spend some or all of the funds.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report.

Correspondence – The following correspondence was reviewed:

- A thank you letter was received from the North Stonington Christian Academy for the donation to their fundraiser.

#### Old Business

1. Commissioner McCord will be the Playground Camp Director for the upcoming summer.
2. A decision has been made to have Comcast run a line from the end of the building to the Rec Commission Office. It should take approximately one month to complete.
3. Director Hines contacted the Elmridge Golf Course to get more details about the First Tee program they will run this summer. The gentleman he needs to speak with was not in town. Director Hines will follow up at a later time in April or early May.

#### New Business

1. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Comm. Comeau will make sure all eggs are filled for the hunt. Director Hines will put together the “special eggs”. Refreshments will be provided as follows:
  - 16 dozen donuts and ½ urn of coffee (Comm. Rusich will pick up on the morning of the hunt)
  - Juice boxes and water (Director Hines to purchase)

Director Hines will contact the Easter Bunny to be sure she knows the date and time.

Children will hunt in two groups, with younger children hunting by the playground equipment.

Older students will hunt on the field. Commissioners are asked to be at the field by 9 or 9:15 to help prepare for the Easter Egg hunt.

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2. The Outdoor Recreation Expo is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Events at Hewitt Farm are expected to include:
- Huck Finn Fishing Tournament from 7:30 to 9 am. Prizes will be awarded for the longest fish, the best dressed participant, and the first fish. (Comm. Perkins to purchase prizes)
  - Karate Demonstration – 9:30 and 11:30 am
  - Archery instruction – 9 am to noon
  - Pond Dipping – need to contact Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center to arrange for 9 am (Comm. Welborn)
  - Birds of Prey program – has been arranged for 10:30 am with Horizon Wings (cost is \$375)
  - There will be no kayaking or canoeing at Hewitt Farm.

Kayaking and Canoeing will be available at Wyassup Lake. Comm. Rusich will be at the lake from 10 am to 2 pm. Bill Ricker is not available to help on May 3. Comm. Welborn will find out if we can still use his kayaks and ask for names of possible helpers at the lake to assist Comm. Rusich. The cost to rent canoes for the lake is \$342.40.

One or two hikes will be scheduled at other town locations. Director Hines will contact Mrs. Tavares at the high school to see if the Adventure Club is interested in helping with a hike. Comm. Welborn will contact Mac Turner from the Avalonia Land Conservancy to see if he is interested in leading a hike in town.

Comm. McCord will see if the K-9 unit from Stonington is available to come for a demonstration. Comm. Taylor will contact the NS Lions to see if they are interested in bringing their food trailer to Hewitt Farm for the Expo.

A flyer will be distributed to students at the elementary school the week of April 28.

3. Comm. Roberts was able to review formstack.com and printed out some sample forms. The commissioners had questions about the security of financial data provided by those using formstack.com to register for NS Rec Commission programs. There were also questions about the various options for payment. The commissioners will continue to look at this option for online registration.
4. Counselor interviews for Playground Camp and Kiddie Camp will be held Thursday, May 22 at 6 pm. All applicants will be interviewed. There will be three openings for counselors this summer.
5. The summer sign up date is Saturday, May 31 from 9 am to noon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 6:15 pm.