

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, March 31, 2008**  
**Human Service's Building**  
**6:00 PM**

- I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission  
No comments
  
- II. Secretary's Report  
A motion was made by Commissioner Prachniak and seconded by Commissioner Ciriello to accept the Secretary's report and it was voted.
  
- III. Personnel  
Beth Stewart, Director of Human Services:
  - a. Recreation Administrator
    - i. Joseph Mendonca Jr. was introduced to the Commission. He will be the Recreation Administrator as of Monday, April 7, 2008.
  - b. Summer Hires
    - i. The ad placed for summer hires closes April 4<sup>th</sup>. There are several returning that will be rehired, working Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30. The Commission needs to review and address the hours worked by the maintenance staff. Last year there were two staff working 28 hours each per week on split shifts, which may not be necessary this year. Chairman Crowley stated he believes there are projects available that could fill the hours. After discussion it was determined that two personnel will be hired again this year allowing the Recreation Administrator time to review the situation.
  
- IV. Budget Report  
Beth Stewart, Director of Human Services:
  - a. General Fund
    - i. Balance of \$54,000 Inception to Date
  - b. Special Activity – George Thayer Memorial Fund
    - i. At least \$700 available right now. Chairman Crowley suggested getting committee together to research which bench to purchase in Commissioner Thayer's memory. The committee will consist of Chairman Crowley and Commissioner Ciriello. Chairman Crowley has spoken to the First Selectman and Town staff will take care of putting the bench in the selected location.
  - c. CIP Restrooms Project
    - i. Board of Finance passed, will go to public vote.
  - d. STEAP Grant for Restrooms Project
    - i. Grant submitted for \$65K to finance rest rooms.
  - e. Public Hearing on Town Budget: April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM at Mystic Middle School

## V. Communications

Beth Stewart, Director of Human Services:

- a. Pam Mola – Stonington Village Improvement Association
  - i. Requested that Commission receive copy of plan as they will have responsibility of maintaining.
- b. Article in Westerly Sun regarding Mr. Haberek's meeting in the Stonington Borough with skateboard youth who want to create a park. Following publication, Director Stewart notified the First Selectman of Human Services prior work with youth regarding this topic. The First Selectman wants to offer parcel of land in the Borough specifically for this use.

## VI. Programs

Beth Stewart, Director of Human Services:

- a. COMO/Stonington Recreation Youth Basketball - 114 girls, 153 boys.
- b. Adult Volleyball League – 123 participants.
- c. Men's Basketball League - 129 participants.
- d. Boys Indoor Soccer – only 1 sign-up, had to cancel.
- e. Captains' Meetings – Golf 4/8 & Softball 4/9. Bylaws mailed.
- f. Yoga – Senior Yoga at Stonington Arms year round. Will be offered in the summer for middle school students.
- g. Cheer n' Spirit - spring session for grades 3& 4 at Mystic Middle School, bus will provide transportation from Deans Mill.
- h. Hershey Track & Field - North Stonington partnership. John McNally running a clinic on Thursday nights May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>. Hershey Track & Field Meet will take place May 17<sup>th</sup>. For ages 9-14.
- i. Summer Programming – newsletter presented.

## VII. Recreation Administrator's Report

Beth Stewart, Director of Human Services

- a. Summer Newsletter
  - i. Highlights: Added breakfast for playground program. Over 12,000 lunches served since program began.
- b. Movie Nights: \$250 to sponsor.
- c. Playground Inspections/ Borough Fence/ Whale Sculpture Inspections - April 3<sup>rd</sup> with CIRMA.  
Whale Sculpture – will be put outside of playground to limit liability.
- d. Tennis Courts – repairs and replacements
  - i. New posts purchased for \$300.
  - ii. Cracks – Chairman Crowley suggested getting a quote from Dalton but stressed the need to make sure they are repaired.
  - iii. Wind screens – working well tied to top of fence.
- e. Volleyball Equipment
  - i. Nets purchased for \$700.
- f. SCCOG Non-Tax Revenue Survey
  - i. For all divisions that charge a fee all revenue had to be reported.
- g. Friends of Stonington Crew
  - i. Dave Domnarski actively pursuing land to store boathouse.
  - ii. Intro to Rowing planned for first week in August.

VIII. Other Business

- a. CM Tools – Internal tracking software
  - i. Presented report detailing unduplicated households served.

IX. Chairman's Comments

- a. Chairman Crowley toured fields with Ken Donovan, happy with the way they look.
- b. Would like to look at irrigating water on multi purpose field, having the water line to the ice skating rink replaced, as well as review the Commission's Five Year Plan.

X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel seconded by Commissioner Prachniak to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Michael Crowley  
Chairman