

**Stonington Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 6:00PM
Human services Room**

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley; Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak
Commissioners: Joe McKernan and Larry Theadore
Director of Human Services Beth-Ann Stewart
Recreation Administrator Joseph Mendonca, Jr.
Absent: Commissioners Paulla Solar, Beth Quensel, and Joe Ciriello

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

No discussion took place.

II. Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Prachniak and seconded by Chairman Crowley to accept the secretary's report as read. The motion was approved.

III. Budget Report

Vice-Chair Prachniak questioned the utility bill. Why are we paying for usage in the winter when no programs are running? Administrator Mendonca explained that there is a \$103 monthly charge to read the meter. Administrator Mendonca will inquire to the power company and report back to the commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Theadore and seconded by Vice-Chair Prachniak to accept the budget report. The motion was approved. Director of Human Services Stewart reported that there had been some criticism about the adult exercise program having only three participants. There is a \$15 dollar charge for each participant. The exercise class is

held at a studio in Old Mystic. People receive individual training limiting the number to 3 or 4 persons at a time. Residents pay a cheaper rate at the studio one day /week for the personal trainer. The commission tries to use small businesses in the community when possible. Chairman Crowley reported that the meeting with the Finance Board went well on Wednesday Feb. 9, 2011.

IV. Communications:

None

V. Programs:

Administrator Mendonca reported that winter programs were running smoothly, in spite of the winter. There is no High School girls' Futsal program running because not enough girls had signed up for the program. Administrator believes, when girls from the middle schools reach the high school, the program will run. The Zumba program takes place at Pine Point School (Mon. Wed. Sat.) The trips to the UCONN women's and men's basketball games were well attended. A 29 passenger bus was used to keep the cost of transportation down.

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report

Comments from the public have been favorable about the spring/summer program guide. The program guide was sponsored by local businesses such as Davis Standard.

VII. Other Business

Election of officers was tabled until the next meeting. A representative from the Norwich area has been contacted about playground equipment for Haley's Way. The company representative will provide two proposals: provide

equipment over a 4 to 5 year period at about \$12,000 /year or equipment to be purchased and installed at one time. Commission members will need to visit the area to come up with a plan for positioning the equipment. Beach Volley Ball courts, there were no updates to report. A quotation for fitness equipment for the walking exercise trail has been received. Groton City had installed the equipment at Washington Park. Director of Human Services Stewart suggested that the commission get a quote for installation. If the town installed the equipment would this void the warranty? Administrator Mendonca will check with the company representative. There was no report on the Pavilion. Specifications need to be worked out to submit for bid. There was no report on the restroom drawings. Next meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2011.

VIII. Chairman's comments

None

IX. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Prachniak and seconded by Chairman Crowley to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

CM Crowley 3/7/11