

## **Morris Beach and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 29, 2018**

Attendance: Lisa H., Kristen D., Jamie K., Dwayne P., Stephanie P., Kathy B., Tom Weik (for Selectman update)

Lisa called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting started with some discussion with regards to protocol that needs to be followed for a Special Meeting. This meeting is considered a Special Meeting because it was not held on the usual third Monday of the month, even though it was postponed due to the weather forecast. Next regular meeting will be February 20, 2018.

### New Business:

- a. The First Selectman was present to give us an update on previously proposed items. The first was the Kayak storage policy for the town beach. There was one minor wording change that has been recommended, so it will be addressed.  
The next item discussed with the Selectman is the policy/plans for a beach pass for the town beach. The beach pass discussion was a review of our policy with the following suggestions to be considered: day beach passes should be available at town hall or at the beach that can be purchased for either residents or non-residents at the cost of \$30. Per day. Town residents will likely buy a season pass for \$25. No season pass will be available for non-residents. Senior residents will not be charged for a season pass. It is actually considered a parking pass. There was discussion about if this policy should extend to the boat launch area. Further discussion will be had on that issue at the next meeting. The funds raised will be used to pay for a staff to monitor access - primarily on weekends and holidays for approximately 28 days in the season. It is proposed that the staff be paid \$11.00 per hour. It is expected that staff will cost will be approximately \$2,156. If additional funds are generated it will go back to the town fund and help offset beach expenses - such as signs, new sand, etc. There are some other items that are needed at the Pavilion either for purchase, installation, or consideration: hand dryers, a flag pole light, video cameras, doggie clean up station/supplies. Other beach related discussion items include: if an area should be buoyed off for swimming and if there is a liability aspect to doing such. More discussion to follow.
- b. Continued discussion for fundraising efforts for kitchen facilities at the pavilion.  
A motion was made by Lisa that past and future activities (numbers 1-7 on the agenda) will be considered fundraising activities for the kitchen. Stephanie seconded the motion. These expectations were verbalized previously and this motion is to clarify that fundraising efforts are to enhance the pavilion. Further discussion and consideration will be given to the extent of a kitchen installation that can be done there, and Kathy B. agreed to follow up with Bob Smith from the Torrington Area Health District.

### Election of Officers:

Lisa H. was nominated Chair by Kathy B. and supported unanimously; Dwayne P. nominated Kelly Taylor for Treasurer - also supported unanimously; Jamie nominated Kathy B. as Secretary - also supported unanimously.

Reminders: Please sell tickets/promoted the upcoming Trivia night to be held at South Farms. Desserts will be available for sale by Beach and Rec., beer and wine available for purchase by South Farms.

Jamie motioned to Adjourn at 8:48 pm and Dwayne seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Bugnacki, Secretary