

Sandy Beach Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2021

Present: Ed Ryle, Chair, Andy Parker, Denise Parker, Remote: Corinne Houle, Connie Gillman, Jenn Parsons, Todd Dyer, Beach Manager, Ian MacRae, Bantam Lake Charters

Absent: Tom Mathews, Terry Conner, Pam Wray, Karen Brady

The meeting was called to order @ 6:15 PM.

Move to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting: Andy Parker, second: Ed Ryle. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Cash balance: \$21,073.08. The first payment from the Town of Litchfield for the 2021 season was received.

Correspondence: none

● **Old Business:**

- Restoration project: no update on tree, or evaluation by Terry Conner regarding covering the large pipe.

● **New Business:**

- Bantam Lake Charter proposal: Ian MacRae presented his proposal for the 2021 season. The proposal included: use of three or four boats for charters, average of 10 charters daily, possibly more on weekends, eight people maximum per charter, staggered times for charters, Sandy Beach covered in insurance carried by company, extension/addition/relocation of docks, possible extension of seasonal charters into fall, kids boating program, charter patrons would pay for beach admission. SBC discussion included; insurance, extended season, payment for boats docked, dock supervision for safety, black-out dates, interruption of typical beach daily programs and activities, annual fees, seasonal fees, revenue from parking. Decision tabled until April 15th meeting.
- Budget - Discussion regarding the new mandatory minimum wage and the effect it will have on the beach budget. Andy Parker presented estimates for salaries and beach expenses for 2021. The Commission discussed raising entrance fees to cover wage increases. The Commission will now begin to determine projections for the 2022 budget. Capital needs will also be discussed. Todd Dyer was asked to prepare a list of beach annual expenses. Moved by: Jenn Parsons, second by: Andy Parker to set beach fees for the 2021 season as follows: \$75. for residents, \$150. Non-residents, \$0 for resident seniors, \$75. for non-resident seniors. All in favor.
- Beach Manager update - Three lifeguards will be needed. Todd Dyer will be accepting applications. The beach will be open weekends starting Memorial Day weekend. The beach will be open daily starting June 20th. Swim sessions: Session I: June 28-July 9, Session II: July 12-23, Session III: July 26-August 3. Swim lesson signups will be held June 5th and 19th. We ask Tom Mathews to order beach passes for the patrons. All state Covid-19 protocols will be in place.
- Committees - No reports at this meeting.

Move to adjourn: Jenn Parsons, second: Andy Parker. All in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 7: 30. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 15 @ 6:00 PM.**



