

Sandy Beach Commission
Minutes
April 15, 2021

Present: Ed Ryle, Chair, Andy Parker, Tom Mathews, Jenn Parsons, Denise Parker, Pam Wray, Karen Brady, Connie Gillman, Todd Dyer, Beach Manager. Remote: Corinne Houle.

Absent: Terry Conner

The meeting was called to order @ 6:13 PM.

Move to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2021 meeting: Karen Brady, second: Pam Wray. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Cash balance: \$21,073.08.

Correspondence: Correspondence was received from the Morris Town Hall stating that Karen Brady will be sworn in again as a SB Commissioner. An email was received from Matt Laurentano thanking the Commission and updating that the docks had been removed, the large float is in the water, the beach has been raked, the dock and floating extension have been installed. The new yellow swim dock is on the beach. Litchfield Magazine has recognized the beach with a People's Choice award for 2021 as "a perfect refuge from the summer heat on Bantam Lake."

● **Old Business:**

- Restoration project: The existing tree on the beach is a red oak. The Commission will seek another tree for more shade for the patrons. Karen Brady has plantings for the beach. There is no update from Terry Conner regarding covering the large pipe. Phases for the building improvements were discussed. Tom Mathews will contact a student regarding building a separation wall and possible work on the storage areas. Connie Gillman and Jenn Parsons will investigate restaurant supplies for cooking equipment. Pricing for windows for the snack building will be investigated.

● **New Business:**

- Bantam Lake Charter proposal- The proposal and impact on the beach daily activities were discussed. Moved by: Jenn Parsons, second: Karen Brady: to allow the Bantam Lake Charters to run their service as occurred during the 2020 season with two boats, a children's program, cars paying the daily entrance fee to the beach, an annual fee for charter boats' parking, a fee for the storage trailer on-site parking, proof of insurance that would include Sandy Beach, the towns of Litchfield and Morris and White Memorial Foundation. Charters could occur during the Sandy Beach season and operating hours only. Additional staffing would be used to supervise the dock, especially on the weekends. All in favor.
- Beach Manager update - Beach passes will be ordered. Three lifeguards will be needed. Todd Dyer is accepting applications. Swim instructors are hired. Todd Dyer will create the brochure for the 2021 season. Kayak rental, registration, swim lesson forms and the season calendar will be updated, 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. All current state Covid-19 protocols will be in place. Information will be updated onto Sandy Beach website.
- Park and Recreation - Jenn Parsons spoke with Colleen Kincaid. She will meet with the Commission at a later date to discuss possible future programming at the beach.

- Committees - No Triathlon report at this meeting. A smaller, “barebones” race, with all Covid precautions is being considered. Discussion will occur at the May meeting.

Move to adjourn: Jenn Parsons, second: Karen Brady. All in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 7:32.
The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 20th @ 6:00 PM at Sandy Beach.**

