

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021

A.

The meeting called to order at 6:37 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop, Melissa Roy, Jon Sweeton and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki in attendance. Megan Nelson and Pam Welles was absent.

B. There was no public input.

C. The April minutes were reviewed. John Sweeton made the motion to accept, Donna Carney-Bastrzycki seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.

D. Correspondence

The Fitness Program was rescheduled due to weather and correspondence with the instructor, participants and Jim Warner. Summer camp emails to parents through Town and School as registration begins. Don Stein is working with the MDC on hopefully securing the waterfront for the Summer camp.

E. Old Business:

The new Outdoor Fitness Program that was held at the Pavilion was delayed a week due to storms, however the program resumed the second week. Robyn Centrella did an excellent job with the program. Discussion about using the school for the class for the future if possible. Rec Commission may bring this program in as part of summer camp. Earth Day Weekend was very successful, as much trash was collected. Organized by FRWA, Farmington River Anglers & FRCC, Barkhamsted Rec. also advertised and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki participated in the cleanup and also took photos for posts.

F. New Business

Summer camp registration opened on May 5 and to date 7 are registered after the first day of advertising. Advertising through social medial platforms – Barkhamsted Chatter, the school page, etc. Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki created a new Canva flyer and also updated the Town Webpage and created a

new Google Form for convenient registration for the parents. The maximum for participants is 30. If there is rain, the community room will be utilized. Director Carney-Bastrzycki will follow the Governor's Covid directives. Staff is being recruited as we still need one more Jr Counselor and one Sen Counselor. Registration deadline is June 14. Camp interviews have been underway and have gone well.

Commission Chair Peter Bakker Jr. and Director Carney-Bastrzycki discussed a grant opportunity for towns to apply for camps as well as available funds from the American Rescue Plan. These funds would be very helpful since the programs suffered throughout the last year due to Covid issues. Director, Carney Bastrzycki applied for the Summer Enrichment Program Grant opportunity and we should know by the end of May if we receive the funds to be utilized for camp.

F. Upcoming Programs

Director Donna Carney Bastrzycki followed up and spoke with Norbrook owner, John Auclair about possible disc golfing events. 4th of July Parade is either going to be a drive by or walking parade. Recreation Department and the River Stewards will participate. Family Fun Day may be scheduled again, should know by the June Rec Commission meeting. There will be co-events with the Steward team throughout the summer.

Melissa Roy motioned to adjourn and John Sweeten, seconded the motion. All accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Nora Bishop.