

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2022

- A. The meeting called to order at 6:32 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop, Megan Nelson, Jon Sweeton, Pam Welles, Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki were in attendance.
- B. There was no public input.
- C. The December and January minutes were reviewed. Megan Nelson made the motion to accept, Pam Welles seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.
- D. Correspondence
Ski club, Ski Sundown, Pickleball, Karate, Easter, Riverton Music Festival
- E. Old Business:
 - 1. Ski Club – Successful season. Ski Sundown was very crowded. The youth stayed outside as much as possible as Director, Donna Carney-Bastrzycki had one of the check in stations outside with snacks. There were no delays, each week the event was held. Due to the pandemic, the program has become much more time consuming the past two seasons. There are many volunteers needed to help make this program a success.
 - 2. Winter Hike was a new program that Director-Donna Carney-Bastrzycki had added on due to the request of participants from our past hike at Thanksgiving and was held on Sat. January 22. We had good attendance. The program was jointly led by Donna Carney-Bastrzycki and volunteers Stephan Bastrzycki-FRCC River Steward and Steven Troop-FALPS member and hike leader. It would be great to consider Steven Troop to help instruct future programs with the Department. Commission member-Jon Sweeton also helped at the event and took photos. This was a family free program and we provided hot chocolate for the group.
 - 3. Pickleball for the winter session is going very well. There are thirty three players that are registered. The participants have been very happy to be back. Janeice Delvecchio, Josh Visone and Stephan Bastrzycki are all helpers for the program along with Director-Donna Carney-Bastrzycki. The

staggered timing is working well. There will be a new 8 week session that is starting up officially on March 16 and Donna has added on a free demo night on March 9, 2022.

F. New Business

1. Budget – Selectman Don Stein has accepted the Recreation Department budget.

Director Carney-Bastrzycki and Selectman Stein have briefly discussed the following: Director stipend increase due to additional programs and increased responsibilities that have been added to the yearly events. In addition, the possibility of adding an operating budget for the recreation department for events and programs for the community.

2. Equipment and Supplies – needed for the upcoming events. Motion to spend \$950.00 made by Peter Bakker, Jr., and seconded by Nora Bishop. All in favor.

3. Summer Camp – checking on availability of East Beach or Stancliff Cove. Summer camp planning is underway. The camp week is scheduled for July 18-22, 2022.

4. Karate – Working on two groups for two program offerings for youth and families and Director-Carney-Bastrzycki created a new paperless registration for this and other upcoming programs. The program is scheduled to start up in March with instructor Charlotte Silkey.

5. Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 9, 2022 in Riverton, and Donna Carney-Bastrzycki has created a new pre-registration form to help ensure safety guidelines so that we are able to go back to hosting the traditional event.

Director Carney-Bastrzycki handed out a flyer for upcoming events for members to circulate throughout the community.

Megan Nelson motioned to adjourn, and Peter Bakker seconded the motion. All accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Nora Bishop.