

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023

- A. The meeting called to order at 6:33 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop (remote), Jon Sweeton, Pam Welles and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki were in attendance.
- B. There was no public input.
- C. The June minutes were tabled.
- D. Correspondence
There was correspondence in the following program areas: Summer camp and program-correspondence with camp special guests including- The Nature Museum, Historical Society, Stanclift Cove, Legeyt Bus Company, DEEP, FRCC River Steward Team, Camp parents, Barkhamsted Elementary, Collinsville Canoe and Kayak and Puddletown Adventures.
- E. Old Business:
 - 1. The Fourth of July Parade was cancelled due to weather. Preparations for the event were made with new signs and flyers.
 - 2. Family Fun Day /Cam Move Day: Thanks to all the members of Rec Commission who helped move the equipment to the Historical Society Building. 50 people were signed up to come to the Family Fun Day, but it was rained out. Camp staff used the time for camp training, along with the River Stewards, which included team building activities.
 - 3. Summer Camp – 47 campers in all! This is the highest revenue year of \$2581. There has been great feedback and there was only one day of rain in which they moved to the community room.
 - 4. Paddle Nights with Collinsville Canoe – two events were planned; one was rained out and rescheduled to include a double header event on August 11 at both Collinsville Canoe and Kayak and a separate event the same night with Puddletown Adventures. Director, Carney-Bastrzycki added on this additional event and it all three events were a big success with terrific turnout. It was great to work with Collinsville Canoe and Kayak and Puddletown this summer. There were many joint activities with the Recreation Department and the FRCC River Steward Team that helped promote responsible recreation around the river.
 - 5. River Day – Jon gave an update of the very successful event! Although they had to use a rain-date and scramble to fill in some of the events, it turned out to very well! The school/Riverton Fairgrounds/Rec Commission have designated this as an annual event!
- F. New Business
 - 1. Pickleball registrations are starting now. November 29 is the start date. The courts will need to be lined before the first event.
 - 2. Karate – Begins on 9/28. Eight students are signed up already. Members, please share social media posts.
 - 3. Sock Hop is 10/27 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at the Pavilion. Same DJ is booked. 32 registrations so far.

4. Thanksgiving Hike is 11/18 at Beaverbrook. 10 registrations so far.
5. Ski Club met last week. Fall Flyers are out. There is an increase of \$10 in price,
6. Director Carney-Basstrzycki put together the fall flyer prior to the meeting along with creating all the programs for registration and the Town Website. The flyers will be collated for the school grades tonight after the meeting to get out to the school this week.

G. Adjournment at 7:07 p.m. by Peter Bakker Jr.

Minutes were submitted by Nora Bishop.