

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Special Meeting June 3, 2020 by Zoom.

The meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop, Melissa Roy, Deborah Simon, John Sweeton, Pam Welles and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki in attendance.

There was no public input. The May minutes were reviewed and a correction was made to Robyn Centrella's rate to \$40 per class. Peter Bakker, Jr. made the motion and Nora Bishop seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by all.

### Correspondence

- Correspondence has been received with potential staff and parents inquiring about camp plans.
- Emails about Stancliff Cove and MDC, most were redirected to appropriate departments.
- In touch with DEEP, Farmington Valley Health District, Don Stein and many updates from Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association
- Contact with Robyn Centrella about classes, with Matt Jobin about Potential classes from Reach Your Summit and contacted Shana at Shoprite about still trying to do the Plant based nutrition class.
- Contact and meeting with Camp leaders about opinion and thoughts about camp. Contacted Barkhamsted Elementary for Potential use of the school as an alternative site for camp.

### Old business-

Summer camp- Director Carney-Bastrzycki discussed the work she has done in trying to make a recommendation about summer camp. The Commission members also discussed the logistics of camp and their ideas. It was determined that there are too many uncertainties and hurdles at this time due to COVID-19 and logistics based on the recommendations made to run the traditional camp due to the facilities that we use including-Peoples Forest picnic tables, bathrooms, Historical Society's Barn and Squire's Tavern, The Stone Museum and the MDC waterfront. After this determination was made, Donna proposed to run a fun and

safer virtual/hybrid camp which will still offer lots of fun for the campers. She has put together different activities ideas and content that could include – supplies for arts/crafts with rewards/games along with a virtual component with a “staycation” theme. Commission members reviewed the budget and expenses. Camp cost would be modified to reflect a smaller camp week. The camp budget and expenses reflect that the Recreation Commission Fund will help defray some of the cost of camp so that we can offer a quality camp at a reduced price to the residents that have been impacted by COVID-19. Commission approved the new budget but asked that it still is approved by First Selectman, Don Stein. Donna would be sending the revised budget to him for approval. Melissa Roy made the motion to approve sending the budget to Don and Pam Welles seconded the motion. Commission members accepted the modified budget.

Director Carney-Bastrzycki has been in touch with Robyn Centrella about running another Mindfulness Type of program for town. She is proposing that these three classes can be run once a month on Zoom for Free for residents. The Recreation budget will be able to pay Robyn’s instructor rate for these classes. These classes could help benefit many in the community during this time.

Plant Based Nutrition Program - Director Carney-Bastrzycki previously planned a Plant Based Nutrition Program with Shanna Griffin for June 9<sup>th</sup>. She reached out to Shana to see if we can try to run this program virtually on Zoom or at another later date.

### New Business

Events calendar is postponed for now.

Mat Jobin - Speaker series for Summer- Cost \$50.00 for Backpack workshop. Commission discussion about expense for this activity. Nora Bishop made a motion to approve and Deborah Simon seconded the motion. Commission approved the expense.

Barkhamsted Camp night at the Drive in. Director Carney-Bastrzycki has been in touch with Drive-in owners.

River Steward Training was this Saturday- went well. Recreation Department will work on many projects together with videos of proper recreation. The focus is on

education and outreach as we expect the river and trails will be crowded this summer.

Deborah Simon motioned to adjourn and Peter Bakker, Jr. seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Nora Bishop