

Goshen Recreation Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

In attendance: Nanci Howard, Sarah Leonard, Sue Breakell, Lori Clinton, and Kim Andrusia, Recreation Director Erin Reilly

Excused: Anne Craig

Budget discussion:

Representatives from the Board of Finance met with Erin on Thursday, March 20 afternoon to discuss the budget that was submitted for their review in January.

Line items that were discussed with the BOF members included; Programming Expenses, Special Events, Camp Lodge Maintenance, Camp Salaries and Wages, and Camp Waterfront Coverage.

Erin noted to the Commission that it was suggested that the Camp Salaries and Wages could be reduced by \$12,000 and Camp Waterfront Coverage could be reduced by \$500. Erin met with Assistant Camp Director Sara before this meeting and reviewed the needed staff and potential wages and reworked any changes into the camp staff spreadsheet and found that the budget could be reduced to \$62,838 for Camp Salaries and Wages. That is a \$3,370 decrease. The Camp Waterfront Coverage can be decreased from \$13,024 to \$12,754. A few factors considered in these line items are the 4% increase in minimum wage in CT, the number of 16&17 year olds recommended by the OEC per camper, and a stipend difference for the 14 & 15 year olds that are returning or moving up from Jr. CIT's. The hourly rate for the Camp Assistant Director was reduced by \$2/hr from last year's rate, per the First Selectman. The budget numbers for camp are streamlined as much as possible.

The next topic under budget discussion was the Capital Non-recurring budget. Erin shared what was discussed with the BOF representatives as suggestions to streamline the Capital budget. Line items were discussed one at a time to determine importance and the impact that a cut would have going forward. It was determined that there was a need for funds in the Benthic Barrier line to purchase semi-permanent weed control mats for the swim area this summer. If funds were repurposed in the current budget, the \$5,000 requested could be returned. There was discussion on the Field Restoration line as Erin has talked with the First Selectman about having DPW do the drainage and restoration work needed for the field. The Commission decided that as long as there is an agreement, in writing, with DPW that they will do the work to the field, the \$2,000 requested could be returned. Erin will have a discussion with Garret about this. The Playground request could be cut to \$7,500 which is half of what had been originally requested. The end result was to take \$14,700 from the Capital request for the FY 25/26.

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In a motion made by Kim Andrusia and seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was voted to propose allocating the current balance of \$3,000 in the Archery Restoration line and the current balance of \$2,572 in the Shed line item to the Benthic Barrier line item. Motion carries.

In a motion made by Sue Breakell and seconded by Lori Clinton, it was voted to propose a cut to the request for Benthic Barrier, Exterior Painting, Field Restoration, and half of the Playground request, with the stipulation that current funds are moved from Archery and Shed to Benthic Barrier and there is an agreement with DPW that they will do the work required to repair and restore the field. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly
Recreation Director
Clerk pro tem