

North Stonington Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2022

Attendees: H. Dugas, L. Umphlett, M. Perkins, E. Mastroianni, J. Holdridge, M. Broneill, Dir. Fabian, C. Dias

Guests: S. Mastroianni, B. Mastroianni, R. Carlson

Walk Through of 298 Norwich Westerly Road Building with First Selectman Carlson

Call to Order: 6:22 p.m.

Minutes: January 6, 2022 minutes Approved

Financial Report: Approved

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business

- New Playground Equipment/Ideas: agenda item on hold with potential relocation. Dir. Fabian will reach out to Stonington for information on their bottle/water dispenser.
- Westerly Ice Skating Events: Reservation was merged with another event on the same day; both groups able to hold their skating event. 80 people attended the January skate event. February event is reaching capacity.
- School Building Usage by Recreation Programs: Availability is limited for practice times. Reservations need to be made thru Robbie in the Administration office.

New Business:

- Board of Selectman: Tour conducted of 298 Norwich Westerly Rd building at the start of the meeting. Commission to review at March meeting if there is interest in further exploration of the space and potential ideas for programming.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): proposed access from Town to approximately \$15,000 under ARPA, designated towards mental wellness programs. One idea presented to commission was a full day summer camp; funds could be utilized towards afternoon programming. Commission to present ideas and suggestions at the March meeting.
- Proposed Ordinance change: Section 7-129a – Park and recreation capital and nonrecurring expense fund introduced. Commission provided with brief introduction, this would need to be presented to the Board of Selectman with a motion for further consideration. H. Dugas, M. Perkins will plan to attend the BOS meeting.
- Use of Rec Field by Stonington Lacrosse: request made for lacrosse to use the rec field Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturday mornings starting in April thru June. Dir. Fabian will speak with Middle School softball to confirm any field needs and will regroup with Lacrosse to finalize.

Any New Business from Commission:

- Dance class: a parent offered to make bar for dance class. Dir Fabian will phone him thank for the offer.

- Class of 2024: inquiring about utilizing Rec building for fundraiser. There is already a program taking place on the date requested, E. Mastroianni will convey.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.