

North Stonington Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2019

Attendees: M Perkins, J Potemri, E Mastroianni, M Broneill, C Dias, Dir. Fabian  
Guests: Lori Umphlette, Ellen Turner

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Minutes from June 6, 2019 approved.  
Financial Report to June 30, 2019 approved.  
Correspondence: none.

Old Business:

1. Lease Status of Old Firehouse: Town has approved and signed the lease agreement for the Old Firehouse; it is currently in approval processes with the Fire Department and is in escrow. The lease would to 2034.
2. End of Fiscal Year Projects: All items have been purchased and closed with the exception of final transfer to the Hewitt Farm.

New Business:

1. Summer Camp Review: an overview of the program and ideas were presented by Camp Director Lori Umphlette. Ages of the campers ranged from 4 to 9. On average there were 13 children in weekly sessions; the best attended week had 16 in total and least attended week was 11 children. Lori presented a suggestion list for improvements and ideas for planning, including:

- Improvements to the building – listed and discussed.
- Supplies needed
- Safety areas to explore
- Review of program expenses
  - i. Grant opportunities presented special guest visits from the Seaport and Recycling center.

Lori reviewed what other camps in the area were doing and provided an overview of their program. The 2020 camp program was reviewed; the commission will explore either a ½ day program or full day.

2. Intramural Sports for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Athletic Director Ellen Turner provided an overview of discussions with the Board of Education and parents. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will be a part of the Elementary School starting in the fall 2019; they will most likely not participate in Middle School sports. A concern was raised at a recent BOE meeting indicating that there were no programs available to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. There is a meeting scheduled for 8/19; a member of the Recreation Commission will attend to relay which programs are open for these children.

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Intramurals were suggested. Ellen Turner will survey the parents of these grades to gauge interest.

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- Sports/programs were identified to incorporate into the intramural schedule.
  - The commission needs to explore if there will be charges and who the intramurals will be open to – can children attending different school participate?
3. NoStoFest: The Recreation Commission will have a table at the NoSto Fest. Dir. Fabian will purchase a pop-up tent for Rec events. Included in this event: Photographs from camp (Dir Fabian will speak with Lori for photos); an activity for children to do; a Newsletter with upcoming events; “minute-to-win-it game”
  4. Newsletter: Christine has emailed the school to see if there is a student who would like to take on the newsletter as a senior project. A listing of recreation programs that have been scheduled is needed for the newsletter.
  5. 2019/2020 Budget: Tabled for next meeting
  6. Goals: Tabled for next meeting

Adjourned: 7:59 p.m.