

North Stonington Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2023

Attending Commissioners: J. Holdridge, L. Umphlett, E. Mastroianni, M. Stark, H. Dugas, M. Perkins

Attending Guests: Tom Fabian (Rec Director), Jamie Towle-Weicksel (Board of Ed)

Call to Order: 6:24p.m.

Minutes: August 2023 minutes reviewed and approved (6 to 0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (6 to 0)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Jamie Towle-Weicksel gave an update on the Cub Club status. A candidate has been identified and there are 11 applicants for the staff position. We reviewed some of the feedback from families and the need for clarification on the program. Concern has been brought up that it's a pilot program and that has people hesitating to enroll; fearing it will not continue to the end of the school year. Jamie has drafted another communication piece to send out to families and will ask the school admin to email it out. It will also provide flexibility for signing-up on a per day basis versus week. She will wait to make a decision about an October start once that has been sent. If numbers are not favorable by end of the month would possibly look to January to start.

Old Business

- **Use of approved ARPA funds:**
  - Funds used to date \$8,595.91.
  - Motion made to "request new ARPA of \$18,400 to fund the Cub Club Director from January 1 thru the end of the school year" if the survey results in no enrollment for the pilot 10 week program. Approved (5-0)
- **Background Checks for Coaches and Volunteers:** Tabled to next meeting
- **Pickleball Courts @ 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** We received approval from Selectman to proceed with painting/resurfacing the court for pickleball. Feedback received is that 3 courts will not provide a safe perimeter with current dimensions. Another 6'-8' around the court is needed; approximately \$1800 - \$2000. Dir Fabian will look to obtain quotes for this extension and will review with Selectmen about next steps.
- **Fall Soccer Program:** 91 have signed-up for the fall program; games will start 9/16/23.
- **Before/After School program status:** reviewed in public comment.

New Business

- **Program Administrative Fee for Instructor Led Programs:** Tabled to next meeting
- **Community Conversation September 9th:** Tabled to next meeting
- **Five Year Capital Plan (request due 10/2/23):** suggestions needed for the five year capital for recreation. One initial thought was a long-term plan for the recreation field improvement/irrigation.
- **Skate Nights 2023/2024:** 3 dates targeted; commission will review at next meeting if will be applied to ARPA.

**Public Comment:** None

Motion to adjourn 8:00 p.m. approved (5-0)