

**MINUTES**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission - Regular Meeting**  
**Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2022 12 Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry**  
**7:00 PM**

**COMMISSION**  
**PRESENT:**

Lucrezia Finegan, Commission Member, Shaileen C. English, Commission Member, Barbara Leandri, Commission Member, Kenneth J. DiRico, Commission Member, Jessica Cobb, Commission Member, and Caleb Maloney, Commission Member

**COMMISSION ABSENT:**

Thomas Olsen, Commission Member, Loretta Kent, Commission Member, and Meredith Robinson, Commission Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Scott Johnson, Jr, Director and Gary Paul, Town Council Liasion

**REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Ken DiRico at 7:05pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Review new town policy regarding remote meetings.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING**

Shaileen C. English made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15th meeting. Barbara Leandri seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Regatta Day & Splash & Dash on 6/11: volunteers will be needed for setup and preparation.

Shaileen C. English made a motion to approve the Director's report. Commission Member Jessica Cobb seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible motion to install a 2-5 year old playscape at the Donahue property.

Discussed plan and costs - approval of funds by Town Council pending.

Commission Member Caleb Maloney made a motion to approve the installation of the playscape presented. Shaileen C. English seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Review pavilion permit fees. Discuss the addition of the pole barn and new pavilion at Town Green.

Shaileen C. English made a motion to approve the Pavilion Permit as present. Lucrezia Finegan seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Tri-Town Trail Update: Grant funding pending. No new access approved since the last presentation. Trail head across from Preston Plains Park and the Red Barn are overgrown and poses a risk for invasive species. Eversource is planning to install a gravel parking lot this spring.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Boy Scout Bat House Project

No representative appeared - table to a future meeting.

Rear entrance to Saw Mill has been busy with late night activity - brought forward for awareness. Christy Hill Park has had an increase in vandalism - new lights are being installed in the next few weeks and should help address the issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jessica Cobb, second by Shaileen English. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson Kenneth DiRico  
Parks & Recreation Commission