

I. Call to Order: by Shai at 7:09pm

II. Roll Call: Shai, Chad, Jess & Jess, Loretta, Lu

Guests: Scott, Gary, Brian Love

III. Residents Comments: Ledyard Little League (Brian Love) asked when fields will be open and if there are any planned projects that will prevent field play. Fields are planned to be ready April 1. Fertilizing will be planned around the weather, as rain is required. Normal field maintenance is planned, and will require 48 hours of field rest after. League asks for notification so they can plan when to play. There are over 300 registered for Little League this year.

IV. Presentations

1. Public hearing is scheduled for April 12th at 6:30pm regarding the combination of the Parks & Recreation and Senior Commissions. The hearing is open to the public.

V. Member Comments

1. Chad asked about timing for turning the water back on at Crandall Field. Overnight temperatures need to be above freezing and multiple parties need to be coordinated. Scott will coordinate and inform Football. Goalposts will be removed in advance of the season.

Concession stand improvements for Crandall and other capital improvements reviewed.

Jessica Buhle: The Regatta Festival is scheduled for June 10, from 11am-3pm, for the Harvard Yale Regatta. Regatta starts at 2:15pm. Request for Parks & Recreation to rent a handicap portable toilet, to be funded by the Festival.

VI. Reports

1. Director's Report: Report presented verbally. Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday 4/8. Lions will provide the Easter Bunny and the Lion, and volunteers have been recruited. Motion to approve the Director's Report made by Lu, 2nd by Loretta. Motion passed unanimously

VII. Minutes

1. February 21, 2023 Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the minutes made by Jess C, 2nd by Jess B.

Amendment requested to remove Loretta Kent from the attendance, as she was not present. Minutes approved as amended.

VIII. Old Business

1. Boy Scout Skate Park: The scout has begun fundraising and has asked for guidance on where to collect the funds. Scott let him know the department cannot hold any funds for him.

2. Pollinator Garden Discussion - No updates

3. Public Hearing for Ordinance combining Parks & Recreation and Senior Commissions - scheduled for 4/12.

XI. New Business

1. Little League Scoreboard: Motion to spend up to \$2000 from the Parks & Recreation Capital Account to assist Little League with the installation of the scoreboard at Pfizer Field made by Lay, 2nd by Loretta. Cost is solely to cover the installation of power. Little League will be responsible for the electric bill. Funds are available and will not negatively impact the department. Motion passed unanimously.

2. A letter was sent to the Commissioners written by Jessica Cobb regarding the plan for active recreation space within subdivision, and who takes ownership of the deeded land. The question for the Commission is to determine the costs to the Town/Department for maintenance of different types and uses of this type of land. The need for indoor recreation facilities was also

brought up. The suggestion was made to hire an outside entity to perform a needs assessment of the open space. The role of the Commission at this point is to develop estimates for maintaining different types and uses of open space.

X. Motion to adjourn made by Jess B, 2nd by Chad.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully,

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