



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

7:00 PM

**Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Jessica Cobb
Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico
Commissioner Norma Sokolski
Commissioner Margaret Anne Harding
Commissioner Paula Crocker
Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
Alternate Member Carol Ann Schneider
Alternate Member Lauren Hawes
Commissioner Loretta Kent

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center
Gary Paul, Town Council Liaison

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. ARPA Grant

The ARPA grant has been approved and signed. As soon as it is received staff will start to order items.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Harding brought to a list of suggestions to the commission.

"Suggestions for Senior Center from Ms. Harding

1. Offer a cooking class when cafe is not in use
2. Offer more active activities (ie. zumba, dancing)
3. Ceramics classes - pick greenware, clean at center, fire at a studio, paint at center

4. Basket weaving, macramé, knitting/crocheting, mahjong
5. Special days/nights/weekends - karaoke, board/card games, tournaments, movie nights
6. Special days (Wednesday lunches?) offer prizes: dress as favorite sports team, crazy mixed-up day, clothes inside out, back to front
7. Vendor fair (Saturday) we rent tables/spaces, vendors sell goods at a reasonable price, bake table - seniors donate food to sell"

Ms. Sokolski asked about having a fire drill. Mr. Johnson replied that he had checked and it is recommended but not required.

Ms. Harding stated that in the past L & M had come and done a cooking class with a Dietitian. Mr. Johnson responded that in the past Ledge Light had come and given instruction and then you took over the program.

Ms. Sokolski asked if the silver sneakers numbers were included in the annual report. Mr. Johnson replied that they are not as there is no registration required for that class as it is mostly paid for by insurance.

Ms. Cobb asked if there was a plan for auto locks and if there was money available for this. Mr. Johnson replied he is working on this to tie it in with BOE and is obtaining 2 quotes.

Ms. Finegan asked if they had considered changing the camps from age to grade. Mr. Johnson responded that they could do that as then the children would be with their classmates.

VI. REPORTS

1. August Directors Report

MOTION to accept the August Directors Report

This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Cobb

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

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VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve the July Meeting Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Jessica Cobb

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION to allow Boy scout to build a stage on Ledyard Town Green

RESULT: CONTINUE

2. Any other Old Business to come before the Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer Camp Letter

RESULT: CONTINUE

2. Annual Report FY24

RESULT: CONTINUE

3. Review Maintenance Contracts and send to the Facilities Subcommittee

RESULT: CONTINUE

MOVER: Jessica Cobb

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

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X. ADJOURNMENT