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AGENDA (*Amended)
PUBLIC HEALTH, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, September 24, 2020/6:00 P.M. - Waterford Town Hall
ZOOM Remote Access Only

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment
5. To consider and act upon the June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
6. Consideration and possible action on item referred to committee:
 - A. Proposed changes to the Waterford Code of Ordinances Chapter 12.08 Concerning the possession and drinking of alcohol beverages in town parks and recreation areas. (RTC 08-03-2020)
 - B. Review/Evaluate Beach Fee Pricing. (RTC 04-06-20)
7. Adjournment

*Original stated Wednesday should have been Thursday.

MINUTES
Public Health, Recreation & Environment Standing Committee of the RTM
Special Meeting
June 10, 2019

The June 10, 2019, Special Meeting of the Public Health, Recreation & Environment Standing Committee of the RTM was called to order by Chairperson Michael Rocchetti at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Rocchetti, Paul Goldstein, April Cairns, Mark Olynciw, Baird Welch-Collins Ivy Plis, Jennifer Mullen.

ALSO PRESENT: RTM Member Susan Driscoll.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RTM Member Susan Driscoll noted the hard work of the committee and stated her appreciation.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Minutes.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Olynciw, to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGENDA ITEM 6 : Presentation from American Progressive Bag Alliance.

Chairman Rocchetti informed the committee that the presentation was cancelled by the alliance due to the fact that The State of Connecticut had passed legislation that is expected to be signed into law by the governor taxing single use plastic bags by retailers until June 30, 2021. The law will then ban single use plastic bags meeting particular specifications on July 1, 2021.

Committee members discussed the new legislature and its impact on its charge of "single use plastic bags" and how it may affect the committee's recommendation.

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Welch-Collins, to recommend to the RTM that the item "single use plastic bags (RTC 04-02-18)" be taken out of committee with no action due to the fact that The State of Connecticut passed legislation addressing this issue immediately and ultimately banning "single use plastic bags" July 1, 2021 on a statewide scope.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Cairns, to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Rocchetti
Chairman

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Dembek, Moderator, Waterford Representative Town Meeting

FROM: Abby Y. Piersall, AICP, Director of Planning and Development

DATE: July 21, 2020.

TITLE: Proposed Changes to the Waterford Code of Ordinances Chapter 12.08 Concerning the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages in town parks and recreation areas.

This request is to consider the potential to allow the possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages at recreational facilities during special events approved by the Board of Selectmen. Alcohol is currently prohibited at Town facilities. This change would enable events such as concerts, fundraisers, or festivals to include the sale and consumption of beer or wine. The change would not enable possession of alcohol at school properties or on beaches.

Changing this Ordinance is a key step in reducing restrictions on the range of events that can be held on town properties. The addition of carefully planned service of wine or beer can help broaden participation in Waterford events and draw new attractions to Town. Enabling sanctioned alcohol consumption in public places supports ongoing efforts increase the frequency and diversity of dynamic and vibrant events in Waterford. Events like dinners at the historic Jordan Green, summer concerts at the Waterford Beach Park, or craft beer and wine tasting at the Farmers Market could be permitted if the Ordinance is changed.

As proposed, the change would only allow beer and wine to be available as sanctioned on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 12.08.040 currently reads:

The possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages in any town park and recreational area, including Waterford Beach, is prohibited.

Proposed language for 12.08.040 is:

The possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages in any town park and/or recreational area is prohibited, except as provided below:

- A. Possession and drinking of beer and wine may be permitted at locations and times as approved by the Board of Selectmen. In no case will the possession and drinking of beer and wine be allowed on the sand or dunes of any beach.

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MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
ZOOM Conference – Waterford Town Hall
Special Meeting
April 6, 2020

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TOWN OF WATERFORD

The April 6, 2020, Moderator Thomas Dembek called the Special Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 3:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, April Cairns, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steven Elci (3:45 P.M.), Timothy Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gauthier, Paul Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Morgan (4:25 P.M.), Richard Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Theodore Olynciw, Sally Ritchie, Michael Rocchetti (3:45 P.M.), Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT Timothy Condon, Robert Swansen.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert Brule.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk; Selectman Elizabeth Sabilla; Chair of the Board of Education Craig Merriman; Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena.

AGENDA ITEM C – February 3, 2020 Minutes

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Driscoll, to accept the February 3, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes with the following correction made by Olynciw, and seconded by Gauthier: Town Attorney Robert Avena was not available for the remainder of the meeting after CALL ITEM 7.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM D - CORRESPONDENCE

None

AGENDA ITEM E - COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representative Driscoll noted that the item, "Review of Fire Services" under Public Protection & Safety be removed. Moderator Dembek noted it and stated it would be removed on future reports.

AGENDA ITEM F - LIAISON REPORTS

Thomas Dembek gave a brief update on the Municipal Complex progress.

AGENDA ITEM G – BUSINESS ON THE CALL

CALL ITEM 1 – First Selectman Update on the Status of the Town

PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule.

First Selectman gave a detailed status of the Town during the COVID 19 Health Crisis since March 10, 2020.

Lengthy discussion with questions and answers ensued. The full recording of the meeting can be heard at Waterfordct.org

CALL ITEM 2 – Senior Citizens Appointments

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to appoint Dina Lopes to the Senior Citizens Commission. (04/06/2020 – 04/03/2023)

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Ritchie, to appoint Judy Crawford to the Senior Citizens Commission. (04/06/2020 – 04/03/2023)

VOTING IN FAVOR BOTH: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 3 – 13 Parkway Drive

PRESENTATION: Town Attorney Robert Avena.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Attanasio, a recommendation from the Board of Finance, tabled from the February Meeting, for an appropriation in the amount of **\$26,000** from **Line Item #205-31520 – Undesignated Fund Balance** based upon its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan, to purchase real estate located at **13 Parkway Drive** and on recommendation of Town Attorney Rob Avena to postpone until the June Meeting of the RTM.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 4 – Tennis Court Surface Repairs

PRESENTATION: Director of Recreation & Parks Brian Flaherty.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for the appropriation of funds from the **Undesignated Fund Balance Line Item #205-31520** and the **Capital and Non-Recurring fund to Line Item #20537-57796 – Tennis Court Surface Repairs - \$9,000.**

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Bono, Bracciale, Cairns, Dembek, Driscoll, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Goldstein, Kohl, Metivier, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Welch-Collins.

VOTING AGAINST: Lersch, Muckle.

MOTION PASSED: 19-2

CALL ITEM 5 – Waterford Beach Pavilion Restroom

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Ritchie, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation of **Line Item #20537-57782 – Replacement of Causeway Bathroom WBP - \$126,300** to **Line Item #20537-57781 Waterford Beach Pavilion Restroom - \$92,687.** Making the new total for **Line Item # 20537-57781 Waterford Beach Pavilion Restroom - \$218,987.**

MOTION to move the question by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Muckle.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: Unanimous

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Bono, on recommendation of the First Selectman to designate the above motion as an emergency appropriation and waive the fifteen-day waiting period in order to keep people working during the COVID 19 crisis.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 6 – Ordinance Amendment, Chapter 8.04 – Refuse Collection and Disposal

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Public Works,

Planning & Development Standing committee of the RTM to amend the Waterford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8.04 – Refuse Collection and Disposal to accommodate a facility change. (See Attachment)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 7 – Waterford Town Beach Fees

PRESENTATION: Director of Recreation and Parks Brian Flaherty.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Olynciw, to approve a recommendation from the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Brian Flaherty, to approve an increase to the Waterford Town Beach parking fees as presented at the February meeting and to review the fees at the February 1, 2021 meeting of the RTM.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch Collins, to amend the motion to read as follow: To direct the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the 2019 beach fee schedule through the 2020 season and utilize departmental savings and/or revenues to provide the necessary funds to cover the applicable sales tax, and to establish a special Ad-Hoc committee to review, evaluate, and recommend a fee pricing schedule at the October 2020 RTM meeting.

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Goldstein, to send the item to a standing committee rather than create an Ad-Hoc Committee.

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Goldstein, to withdraw.

WITHDRAWN

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins to amend the amended motion by Driscoll to read as follows: To direct the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the 2019 beach fee schedule through the 2020 season and utilize departmental savings and/or revenues to provide the necessary funds to cover the applicable sales tax, and to refer the beach fees issue to the RTM's Public Health, Recreation and Environment standing committee to review, evaluate, and recommend a fee pricing schedule at the October 2020 RTM meeting.

MOTION to Muckle, seconded by Welch-Collins, to move the motion as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Bracciale, Dembek, Driscoll, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Goldstein, Kohl, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Welch-Collins.

VOTING AGAINST: Bono, Cairns

MOTION PASSED: 20-2

VOTING IN FAVOR of the amended motion: Attanasio, Bono, Bracciale, Driscoll, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Goldstein, Kohl, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Welch-Collins.

VOTING AGAINST: Cairns, Dembek.

MOTION PASSED: 20-2

A brief discussion led by Town Attorney Robert Avena to schedule a special meeting to discuss the budget schedule as well as address Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S, Section 6. It was agreed to meet again at a special meeting on April 20, 2020 at 3:30 P.M.

MOTION by Cairns, seconded by Muckle, to adjourn at 5:36 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Campo, CCTC
Town Clerk

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WATERFORD RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

TO: Mr. Thomas Dembeck, RTM Moderator
FROM: Brian W. Flaherty, Director 
DATE: March 23, 2020
RE: Proposed Beach Parking Fee Increase

Tom:

As your aware, the Commission's request to increase Town Beach parking fees was tabled at the RTM meeting of February 3, 2020. The reason for the increase was due to the State of Connecticut legislature repealing the sales tax exclusion for municipal seasonal parking lots.

At our commission meeting held on February 25, 2020, the commission decided to keep the original request (Minutes attached).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

CC: Traci Santos, Commission Chair
Rob Brule, First Selectman
David Campo, Town Clerk

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David Campo
TOWN CLERK

The Recreation and Parks Commission held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Community Center. Chairman Santos presided.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cs. Santos, Gardiner, Whelan, Murphy, Erricson, Hall, Schelber

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cs., Kanabis, Guarnieri

STAFF: Director Flaherty, Assistant Director McNamara, Program Coordinator Sullivan

GUEST: Mark Geer, Finance Board Liaison

MOTION #1: Made by C. Erricson, seconded by C. Whelan to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting as received. So voted 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

~ Thank you letter from First Selectman

~ Annual request from "Bright" musical festival

~ Board of Finance Budget schedule

STAFF REPORTS: The Director reported on the expenditures (\$852,913 – 56%) and revenues at \$165,754 - +1.3% from 2019). He discussed the major emphasis on the Civic Triangle trail/areas and improvements around the pond areas. The Board of Selectmen approved our revised Fiscal Year 20-21 budget for \$1,519,608 (0% Increase). The Board of Finance will hear our budget on March 4, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. A discussion was held on the Credit card/software update with a plan to move forward. We have had a Mitchell College student intern, Hanna Corrigan, spending a few months with the department. The RTM, at their February 3, 2020 meeting tabled our request to increase Waterford Beach parking fees (originally brought forward when we were advised the state is requiring sales tax to be charged) in order for us to provide additional information for their April 6, 2020 meeting. Our proposed current year 2021 CIP projects (Tennis Court Replacements, Vet's Field Lights and Vet's Garage Addition plan) have been moved forward in the plan by the Board of Selectman. The Waterford Beach Bathrooms (2) are still in the planning stages, as the plans for the pre-cast building cannot be used, according to Ct. DEEP, as they would have to meet VE zone standards. The Board of Selectman recommended \$150,000 in CNR funds for the bathrooms/improvements. Tennis Court repairs need to be completed this spring. The Leary Park Basketball court reconstruction and the Town Hall basketball court repairs are planned for the spring of 2020. The Dog Park Fence replacement is near completion.

 **MOTION #2:** Made by C. Erricson, seconded by C. Hall to keep the same recommendation as approved by the Commission, to request an increase in beach fees due to the sales tax as directed by the State of Ct. A discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #3: Made by C. Erricson, seconded by C. Gardiner to request an additional \$9,000 to complete the temporary repairs to the tennis courts. So voted 7-0.

**TOWN OF WATERFORD
PROPOSED BEACH FEE INCREASES**

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE INCLUDING TAX	WATERORD'S PORTION OF FEE	TAX
<u>Beach Sticker Fees</u>					
Resident First	\$20.00		\$22.00	\$20.69	\$1.31
Resident Additional	\$10.00		\$11.00	\$10.34	\$0.66
Non-Resident	\$100.00		\$107.00	\$100.61	\$6.39
Waterford Senior(65+)	\$10.00		\$11.00	\$10.34	\$0.66
Resident Walker/Biker Pass	\$2.00				
Non-Resident Walker/Biker Pass	\$10.00				
<u>Daily Parking Fees</u>					
Resident Weekday	\$2.00		\$3.00	\$2.82	\$0.18
Resident Weekend/Holiday	\$5.00		\$6.00	\$5.64	\$0.36
Waterford Senior(Free)	FREE				
Non-Resident Weekday	\$20.00		\$22.00	\$20.69	\$1.31
Non-Resident Weekend/Holiday	\$30.00		\$32.00	\$30.09	\$1.91
Non-Resident Picnic Weekday	\$7.00		\$8.00	\$7.52	\$0.48
Non-Resident Picnic Weekend/Holiday	\$10.00		\$11.00	\$10.34	\$0.66
Resident Walker/Biker	\$1.00				
Resident Senior(Free)	FREE				
Non-Resident Walker/Biker	\$5.00				

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WATERFORD RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

TO: Mr. Thomas Dembeck, RTM Moderator
FROM: Brian W. Flaherty, Director (BF)
DATE: March 25, 2020
RE: Additional Information Concerning Beach Parking Fee Increase

Tom:

At the RTM meeting of February 3, 2020, a request for additional information was requested. Attached is a survey of regional beach fees in our area, as well as a breakdown of beach revenue for the 2019 season.

In order to keep the resident fees at the 2019 level, the fees would need to be decreased as follows:

Resident 1st Sticker: \$18.81 + \$1.19 tax= \$20 Resident Additional Sticker or Senior Citizens: \$9.40 + \$.60 tax=\$10.00

Daily Resident Pass: \$1.88 + \$.12 tax=\$2.00 Daily Resident Weekend Pass: \$4.70 + \$.30 tax=\$5.00

It was suggested by some RTM members that raising the beach fees for out of town residents could supplement the loss of revenue. I would advise that the town attorney be consulted for his opinion concerning this approach. Total beach sticker & dally revenue can be located on the attached revenue breakdown.

Please contact me with any questions.

CC: Traci Santos, Commission Chair
Rob Brule, First Selectman
David Campo, Town Clerk

	A	B	C	D
1	East Lyme:	2020		tax
2	Resident 1st car	\$40.00	\$42.31	\$45.00
3	Resident additional	\$30.00	\$28.21	\$30.00
4	Senior Citizen	\$20.00	\$18.81	\$20.00
5				
6	Resident day park	\$10.00	\$10.64	\$15.00
7	non resident park	\$30.00	\$28.21	\$30.00
8	Wkend non res.	\$40.00	\$42.31	\$45.00
9				
10	Resident Walk in	no fee		
11	Non resident	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
12				
13	Non Resident Sticker	\$120.00	\$122.24	\$130.00
14				
15	Non resident walk pass	\$60.00		\$60.00
16				
17				
18	Groton Town:			
19	Esker Point	free	20 spots	
20			handicap	
21	Groton City:		mostly	
22	Resident (1 car)	\$32.00		
23	Senior Citizen	\$22.00		
24				
25	Non resident Sr.	\$48.00		
26	Non resident Sr.	\$70.00		
27				
28	Daily pass	\$20.00		
29	Daily pass weekend	\$30.00		
30				
31	New London:			
32	Ocean Beach Resident	\$85.00		
33	Ocean Beach Non-res	\$120.00		
34				
35	Daily Fee	\$17.00		
36	Daily fee wkends	\$23.00		
37	Daily fee holiday	\$30.00		
38				
39	Old Lyme:			
40	Resident Sticker	\$25.00		
41	OOT street parking	\$5/2 hrs	\$7/2hr	
42				
43	Stonington:			
44	Adult resident	\$75.00	\$100.00	family
45	non resident	\$100.00	\$125.00	family
46				

	A	B	C	D
47	Waterford:			
48	Resident Sticker	\$20.00	1st car	
49	Resident additional	\$10.00	each additional	
50				
51	Resident week day drive in	\$2.00		
52	Resident weekend drive in	\$5.00		
53				
54	Resident walk in	\$2.00		
55				
56	Out of Town Sticker	\$100.00		
57				
58	OOT Drive in week day	\$20.00		
59	OOT Drive in weekend	\$30.00		
60				
61	Out of Town Walk in	\$10.00		
62				

2019 WATERFORD BEACH SUMMER

STICKER SALES	APR 1 - JUN 30	JUL 1 - SEP 4	TOTALS
\$20 BEACH STICKER SALES	\$ 15,395.00	\$ 3,635.00	\$ 19,030.00
\$10 BEACH STICKER SALES	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 885.00	\$ 4,200.00
\$10 BS SENIORS (60+)	\$ 2,370.00	\$ 434.00	\$ 2,804.00
\$2 WRISTBANDS & WALKERS	\$ 74.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 104.00
\$10 WRISTBANDS (NON-RES)	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
\$100 BEACH STICKER (NON-RES)	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 23,200.00
	\$ 40,064.00	\$ 9,284.00	\$ 49,348.00
GATEHOUSE SALES			
CAR/WALKER ADMISSIONS	\$ 18,515.90	\$ 52,023.00	\$ 70,538.90
BEACH RENTALS			
PAVILIONS # 21 /#	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 2,440.00
BEACH FIELDS # 9 /#	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
			\$ 3,440.00
CONCESSION			
PARK SEASON	\$ 1,375.00	\$ -	\$ 1,375.00
CONCERTS VENDORS (#7)	\$ 875.00	\$ -	\$ 875.00
			\$ 2,250.00
TOTALS			\$ 125,576.90