

The Waterford Recreation and Parks Commission held Special Zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Chairman Santos presided.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ch. Santos, Cs. Scheiber, Gardiner, Murphy, Erricson, Beaney, Chiaponne, Hall.

MEMBERS ABSENT: C. Whelan

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

GUESTS: First Selectman Robert Brule, Town Attorney Robert Avena, Abby Piersall, Director of Planning, Michael O'Connor, Students: Sophie Marcille, Megan Jones, Jimmy Kilcomons, Gary Campbell, John Zimmerman, Adele Chadwich, Joe Moran, Finance Board Liaison Robert Tuneski, RTM Members Sally Ritchie, Susan Driscoll. Public Works Director Gary Schneider.

MOTION #1: Made by C. Erricson, seconded by C. Gardiner to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting. So voted 9-0

MOTION #2: Made by C. Gardiner, seconded by C. Scheiber to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on December 9, 2020. So voted 9-0.

Chairman Santos introduced Michael O'Connor from Waterford High School, and eight students who presented an overview plan for the Waterford High School Sea Level Rise Mitigation Kayak Launch Project for Waterford Beach. The title of the presentation was Salt Marsh Mitigation Project. A question and answer period was held. *The Chairman invited Mr. O'Connor back to the Commission when they have more information and plans.*

Chairman Santos introduced two new Commission members: Melissa Chiaponne and Lucas Beaney.

CORRESPONDENCE PLACED ON FILE:

- ~ Appointments and Resignation
- ~ Request from WH teacher, Michael O'Connor, re: Civic Triangle/Waterford Beach plans
- ~ E-Mail from Finance Director, re: additional funds to Recreation and Parks CNR budget
- ~ Thank you letter
- ~ Proposed changes to Code of Ordinances 12.08 re: alcohol permits for town parks & recreation areas
- ~ Civic Triangle improvements
- ~ Waterford Beach fees

STAFF REPORTS: The Director spoke to the members regarding the rules and regulations for the Corona Virus. The wood program has received 65 requests for wood as of this date. He reported that the beach bathrooms project is nearing completion. The Assistant Director reported on the work in the Civic Triangle, clearing trails, brush, etc. The maintainers are keeping all parks and fields in top condition and keeping up with the wood orders also the clean-up of the maintenance building in the center of town. The Program Coordinator reported that has been working on program plans for the summer booklet that will go out to print this week. She also reported on the success of the New Years' Eve fireworks.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

~ Personnel: The vacant Maintainer I position is in the process of being filled.

~ Long Range Plan Planning: The Director thanked the First Selectman and the Planning Director for their assistance in the Waterford Beach Park sidewalk and bathroom projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

~ **Proposed changes to Code of Ordinances 12.08 re: alcohol permits for town parks and recreation areas.**

First Selectman Brule spoke to the members regarding the decision to change this Ordinance allowing beer and wine sales and consumption permitted at the Town Civic Triangle and grass field areas at Waterford Beach Park. A lengthy discussion was held on the proposed changes of the Ordinance. No action was taken at this time.

~ **REP for Town Center Park Improvements: Pond, Boardwalk and Trails.**

The Town Planning and Director spoke to the members on the RFP for Town Center Park Improvements: Pond, Boardwalk, and Trails. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the members.

MOTION #3: Made by C. Murphy, seconded by C. Erricson to approve the RFP for Town Center Park Improvements: Pond, Boardwalk, and Trails. So voted 8-0-1 abstention by C. Gardiner.

~ **Proposed Beach Fees to be approved by the RTM Recreation/Health/Environmental Committee.**

<u>Commission Proposed Fee Including Tax</u>		<u>RTM Public/Health/Recreation/Environment</u>
		<u>(Including Tax)</u>
Resident First		\$ 25.00
Resident Additional	\$ 11.00	
Non-Resident		\$125.00
Waterford Senior (65+)	\$ 11.00	
Resident Weekday	\$ 3.00	
Non-Resident Weekday		\$ 25.00
Resident Weekend/Holiday	\$ 6.00	
Non-Resident Weekend/Holiday		\$ 35.00
Non-Resident Picnic Weekday	\$ 8.00	
Non-Resident Picnic Weekend/Holiday	\$ 11.00	

MOTION #4: Made by C. Scheiber, seconded by C. Gardiner to approve the beach fees as presented. So Voted 9-0.

MOTION #5: Made by C. Gardiner, seconded by C. Erricson to adjourn. So voted 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nolan, Secretary, Recreation and Parks Commission

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Representative Town Meeting
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

I would like to start by thanking the RTM for adopting the Volunteer Firefighters and Fire Police Incentive Program on October 5, 2020. I am submitting the First and Second quarter reports for the current fiscal year of 2020/2021 as the program was retroactive to July 1, 2020.

We began with thirty-five volunteer firefighters and seven fire police that met the training requirements to participate in the program for the first quarter. The Waterford Fire Department responded to 592 incidents during the first quarter (July 2020 - Sept 2020).

There was a Wind Storm (8/2020), Two working structure fires (7/2020), a detached shed fire (8/2020), and two town-wide training sessions (9/2020) that the Director assigned some additional discretionary points due to the importance of these events. The first quarter resulted in eight members qualifying for an incentive stipend, three of which qualified for the fire officer bonus. The first quarter resulted in payouts totaling \$4,783.00.

Through various on-line training sessions, we were able to get the number of participants increased to forty-four volunteer firefighters and ten fire police that met the training requirements for the second quarter. The Waterford Fire Department responded to 591 incidents during the second quarter (Oct 2020 - Dec 2020).

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There was another Wind Storm (11/2020), a working structure fire (12/2020), a town-wide training session (10/2020) and three town sponsored functions (11/2020-12/2020) that the Director assigned some additional discretionary points due to the importance of these events. The second quarter resulted in an additional nine volunteer firefighters and three fire police qualifying for an incentive stipend, two of which qualified for the fire officer bonus. The second quarter resulted in payouts to twenty members totaling \$8,672.00.

Since the incentive program was implemented during the current fiscal year, we are continuing our efforts to get some of the members that have not been active back into active status by providing the needed training courses. I must point out that some of these members had chosen not to be an active responders during the height of the current COVID-19 pandemic, and require only a few refresher trainings to get back into active status. If all members were to fully participate to achieve active status, the number would increase to seventy-seven volunteer firefighter and twelve fire police, which includes eight new members currently in the incipient phases of volunteer firefighter training.

I thank you again for your actions in making this program possible for our volunteers. I look forward to providing you with the quarterly results as a metric in measuring the effects on this program within the fire department. If there are any questions or further information that you would like provided, please contact me at 860-440-0544.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Miller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruce A. Miller
Director of Fire Services

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Mr. David Campo
Waterford Town Clerk
15 Rope Ferry Road
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Dear Dave,

Please be informed that the Waterford Republican Town Committee has endorsed Mr. Steven Garvin of 2 Raymond Lane, Waterford, CT to be reappointed as a member of the Ethics Commission for a new two year term. The Waterford Town Committee respectfully requests that the RTM place the name of Mr. Steven Garvin in nomination for the Ethics Commission at its next meeting on February 1, 2021

Thank you for your cooperation in this request.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen M. McCarty
WRTC, Chairman

KDM:kdm
cc: Thomas Dembek
RTM, Moderator

WATERFORD DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

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Thomas Dembek
Moderator, RTM
15 Rope Ferry Rd
Waterford, CT 06385

RE: Ethics Commission Alternate Nomination

Dear Mr. Dembek,

The Waterford Democratic Town Committee voted unanimously to nominate the following individual to be appointed to the Ethics Commission as an alternate for the term starting February 1, 2021 and ending February 6, 2023.

Elizabeth Ritter
24 Old Mill Rd, Quaker Hill, CT 06375
860-444-1700
betsyritter24@gmail.com

Originally appointed to fill a mid-term vacancy last year, Ms. Ritter quickly got up to speed and proved herself to be a conscientious and valuable member of the commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Cathy Barnard
Chair, Waterford DTC

cc: Dave Campo, Town Clerk

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Thomas Dembek
Moderator, RTM
15 Rope Ferry Rd
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RE: Ethics Commission Nomination

Dear Mr. Dembek,

The Waterford Democratic Town Committee voted unanimously to nominate the following individual to be appointed to the Ethics Commission for the term starting February 1, 2021 and ending February 6, 2023.

Martin Zeldis
2 Goundry Drive, Waterford CT 06385
860-443-7713

As Chair of the Ethics Commission, he did an admirable job managing the complex overhaul of the Ethics Commission ordinances approved by the RTM last December.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Cathy Barnard
Chair, Waterford DTC

cc: Dave Campo, Town Clerk

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