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Waterford Recreation and Parks Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 23rd, 2024 @ 4:30 pm
Waterford Community Center

ATTEST: *Daniel L. Campos*
TOWN CLERK

The Recreation and Parks Commission held a regular scheduled meeting on July 23rd, 2024 at the Waterford Community Center. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman, E. Murphy and a quorum was established.

Members in attendance: L. Beaney, M. Gwudz, R. Erricson, T. Santos, E. Murphy, N. Scheiber, T. Stino,

Members Absent: M. Chiappone, J. Gregg

Staff: R. McNamara (Director), T. Cieplik (Program Coordinator), E. Sullivan (Office Coordinator)

Guests: Robert Tuneski (Finance Liaison)

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

(Motion #1): R. Erricson made a motion and N. Scheiber seconded to approve the June 25th, 2024 meeting minutes. So voted 7/0

Correspondence:

A drawing of a seashell on the beach was handed into Recreation and Parks and the child had written "new beach sticker idea" on it to consider for next year's beach stickers. A compliment came in from Steve Balkau for J. Therrien about lower Stenger Park and a job well done. The Gardiner Family Foundation sent in a donation in the amount of \$10,000 for the Children's Playground project in the civic triangle. Maintainers J. Therrien, C. Adams and N. Cancelmo received a thank you from T. Wheeler, Assistant Director, of Senior Services for assisting in their annual senior picnic. We received an email from L. Saucier, Wildlife Biologist, making us aware of the American Oystercatcher Chicks at Waterford Beach that were displaced from their parents and to be mindful when grooming the beach but they should be able to fly soon. A few emails in regards to the beach changes that were put in place the past month saying both thank you and also some concerns for parking. Two flyers were shared and passed out for J. Bartelli, Director of Utility Commission's retirement party after 39 years with the town on August 8th, and also Michael Howley, Director of Fire Services retirement gathering on July 26th.

Staff Reports:

Director - R. McNamara

Civic Triangle: benches and trash cans have been ordered and expected late July. Light posts, trees, streetscape are all finishing up. Rock wall entry and plaza are working towards completion. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 9th and parade is August 10th. There will be a band that plays on both days. Leary French Drain is now in a state where machines can access and finalize the end of the trench around the hillside (right field) of Leary softball field. Public Works began prepping the apron for repair and widening. We continue to finalize the completion of Community Garden. Barry Farm Eagle Scout signage project is moving forward and we have a meeting this week. Town Hall basketball court replacement has been approved through the BOS and BOF. Staff awaits the RTM meeting for final review. Waterford Beach Park garage is in review of the exterior design phase with Planning and Zoning. Bids requests will be going out for the Pleasure Beach boardwalk project (RFP) to start after beach season. Maintenance: We have a maintainer currently out on administrative leave while the Town and respective parties work out any accommodations/options for our employee. We have brought on 2 seasonal maintainers who will be helping out with regular operations of mowing, trimming, mulching gardens, painting athletic fields and lining ballfields, beach operations that are all in full swing, etc. We are installing the new dune fencing at Waterford Beach Park.

Back to School landscaping required over next month will begin soon. Ruddlesden bench dedication on 7/23/24 at Community Center. Ruddy's bench is located on the Senior Service side where the van pick-up and drop-off are located. Fleet Management equipment has been placed with Finance. Purchase orders have been sent and