Parks and Recreation Commission April 1, 2024 – Regular Meeting Senior Center 98 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rosanne Tousignant, Nola Weston, Amy Domeika, Dan Eveleigh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Kristin Moody, Assistant Chair Brenda Kniska.

OTHERS PRESENT: Park & Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn, Board of Finance Liaison Karen Belding, Peter Mendlinger.

1. CALL TO ORDER

R. Tousignant called this meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. GUESTS AND AUDIENCE

Board of Finance Liaison K. Belding introduced herself to the Commission members. P. Mendlinger said he is a citizen interested in the Parks and Recreation activities.

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No additions were requested.

4. MINUTES CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes of the March meeting were presented for approval.

It was noted that Nola Weston was present but not noted in the member attendance list.

Motion by: N. Weston

to approve the meeting with the correction to add N. Weston as in attendance.

Second by: D. Eveleigh.

Vote:

Abstaining: A. Domeika – absent from meeting.

In favor: All others. APPROVED.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance/Administration
- b. Programs
- c. Facilities

None of the above committee reports were given. The committee structure will be revised based on the Strategic Plan.

d. Liaison reports

Liaison K. Belding stated the budget process is ongoing with staff reviewing the department budgets. There are challenges this year but due to several vacancies over the past few months savings may help with the situation.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A new petition for one of the recreation fields to be named after Norm Kaplan will be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Members have reviewed the Strategic Plan.

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Motion by: D. Eveleigh

to approve the Strategic Plan and move it to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Second by: A. Domeika.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

9. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Quinn stated that the vacant position in the office will not be filled at this time. An intern will be coming in under grant funding, hiring camp staff members is in progress, registration for camp is already at half capacity and Pickle Ball lines will be added to the CES gym over the summer break.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: D. Everleigh to adjourn this meeting. **Second by:** A. Domeika

Vote:

Unanimous to approve.

R. Tousignant adjourned this meeting at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade Clerk