

Recreation Commission Meeting
May 6, 2024 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
97 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kristin Moody, Vice Chair Brenda Kniska, Rosanne Tousignant, Nola Weston, Dan Eveleigh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Domeika, Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kristin Moody called this meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2. GUESTS AND AUDIENCE

No others in attendance.

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No additions were requested.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the April 1, 2024, meeting minutes were presented for review and approval.

Motion by: D. Eveleigh

to approve the April 1, 2024, minutes with the correction to the spelling of his name, *Eveleigh*.

Second by: N. Weston.

Vote: Approved by all present.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance/Administration

No report tonight, however, there will be more information available at the June meeting.

b. Programs - No report.

c. Facilities - No report.

d. Liaison reports

All liaisons have not been appointed as yet.

7. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission's Strategic Plan was recently approved by the Board of Selectmen. Discussion followed on the implementation of the plan. It was suggested that small groups of members work as subcommittees for different parts of the plan. It was also discussed to have the plan on the agenda under Committee Reports for each meeting that will help members stay on track.

Motion by: D. Eveleigh

to add the Strategic Plan to the agenda each month under Committee Reports as *Item e*.

Second by: B. Kniska.

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Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

The Board of Selectmen is reviewing the policy on naming the fields but has not finalized the request/partition to have the field named after Norm Kaplan.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

9. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

See attached report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Weston
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: D. Eveleigh

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Moody adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

Colchester Parks and Recreation

Directors Report- May 6, 2024

STAFF:

- We hope to post Matt's position soon with the goal of hiring a replacement on July 1st.
- We are happy to welcome a summer intern, Grace, to the office starting today. With grant funding, we are excited to share the office and camp experiences with a college student to provide first-hand experience.
- Camp staff have been hired. We have new leadership staff including co-directors, co-assistance directors, special needs director, sports and games director, CIT director, (ages 14+), teen leader director (grades 6/7/8), camp counselors, and paraprofessionals.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS/RESERVATIONS:

- Pavilion and park reservations have increased this summer.
- Program registrations are filling for most classes, many have a wait list. We have increased programs and specialty camps for the summer.
- We are always looking for new instructors and program ideas- please send anyone interested our way!
- We have several new events – we could use your help!
 - Summer camp fundraiser art show/silent auction in mid-August
 - Colchester's Got Talent in September
 - Celebrate Colchester in October

FINANCE:

I expect to have more financial information in June, both the proposed budget and the special revenue fund balance.

UPDATES:

The Recreation Facility ad hoc committee has been created and members have been appointed. Joe Leone and I are the staff liaisons to the committee. We will be meeting bi-weekly to start. I will report on the progress at future meetings.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Quinn, Director