

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2016 7:00 PM
Kibbe Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to Order by Vice Chairman – Steve Woicik at 7:00 PM.

II. Members Present:

Steve Woicik –Vice Chairman, Karen McGuane – Secretary,
Members: John Curran, Stephanie Gershowitz, Ned Lynch, Scott Sutter
Members not in attendance: Jeff Jablonski – Chairman

Nonmembers in attendance:

Bruce Urbon – Foreman, Parks & Facilities
Christopher Boucher – Deputy Director, Recreation
Todd Rolland – Director, Public Works and Recreation

III. Audience: There were no members of the public in attendance at this meeting

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed & unanimously approved. Stephanie Gershowitz motioned and Scott Sutter seconded. Please note: Spelling corrections were made to correct the misspelling of Todd Rolland & Bruce Urbon's last names.

V. Coordinators Report:

Chris Boucher reviewed the Coordinators Report which included the following:

1. Permits – all permits were approved with 1 tentative approval for Connecticut Celtic FC Soccer Clinic. Chris will be contacting them to confirm all the dates requested.
2. Somers Rec Fiscal Year 2016 Program Report
All programs were reviewed & discussed. After a lengthy discussion by the Recreation Commission & all those in attendance it was unanimously agreed that the Recreation Department will end involvement with and hosting of Co-Ed Softball. The decision to end this program came after careful consideration of a number of concerns including:
 - The small percentage of Somers Residents that participate
 - The increasing number of injuries to players during play on Town property
 - Increasing incidents of player misconduct including one that ended in a fight
 - Liability exposure to the town
 - The amount of administrative time necessary to maintain the program.

Todd Rolland will be sending a letter to all parties concerned.

3. Somers Rec Fiscal Year 2017 Program Report

4. Upcoming Somers Rec Programs & Events

The Recreation Commission would like to express their appreciation to Chris for the details presented in his report. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes.

VI. DPW Report:

The DPW Report was reviewed by Bruce Urbon & discussed by the Recreation Commission.

A copy of the Parks Report is attached. In addition to the Parks Report, Bruce provided a breakdown of the annual costs of maintaining one Lacrosse or Soccer field and one Baseball or Soccer Field. This is the first time this type of information has been given to the Recreation Commission and we would like to thank Bruce and Todd for their work on this. It is information that will be given out to the appropriate organizations in town and will be used to help set potential fee schedules for field use.

The Coordinators report was reviewed by Chris Boucher, motioned and approved unanimously by the board. A copy of this report is attached to these meeting note.

VII. Old Business: There was no old business reviewed.

VIII. New Business:

- a. The Board took the opportunity to welcome Kim Halligan as a new Recreation Coordinator
- b. Recreation Self-Support update- was covered with the Coordinator's report
- c. Field Use Policy- a chart showing fees from a number of Connecticut Towns was reviewed. Todd Rolland and Chris Boucher will continue to gather information to use for developing guidelines for a new Field Use Policy for Somers.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to review.

X. Opportunity to add agenda items: No additional agenda items were added.

XI. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 12, 7:00 PM Kibbe Fuller Community Center

XII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was called by Karen McGuane; Scott Sutter 2nd.
The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen McGuane - Secretary