

## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES

**DATE:** 7/20/20

**TIME:** 6pm

**PLACE:** Town Hall Annex (Gym), 856 Main Rd., Westport, MA 02790

**ATTENDANCE:** Dana Stewart, Renee Dufour, Cecilia Carney, Tim Gillespie, Erik Reis

**ABSENT:** Becky Leverett

**Open Meeting:** 6pm meeting called to order by Renee Dufour

**Approve Minutes:** 6/8/20 Minutes reviewed and approved by Recreation Commission

### Old Business:

- Plan for improvements to outside/back area of Annex
  - Can't start on improvements until after the Open Town Meeting on 7/25/20.
  - Dana talked with Chris Gonsalves, Highway Supervisor, and asked if they can still help with taking down the old fencing/satellite dish/pole/clearing brush, etc. sometime after the Town Meeting. He said yes but a date still needs to be determined. Will follow up with him after the Town Meeting to secure a date.

### New Business – Directors Report:

- Westport Food Pantry
  - Food distribution continues to go well.
  - Using monetary donations given to buy over \$1,000 worth of food every week and continue to get some in-kind food donations.
  - Transition plan in place to move the location of the Westport Food Pantry from the Town Hall Annex Gym to the basement of the Grange, starting September 2020. Will still be a Town of Westport Food Pantry run administratively by the town (Dana Stewart, Recreation Director) but the physical location will move to the Grange Basement. The physical aspects of running the pantry will be led by volunteer Stephen Clayton.
  - Board of Health has approved the new location with suggestions for improvements to the physical space, which will be completed by volunteers over the next 4-5 weeks.
- Summer Rec Programs
  - Tennis Lessons are up and running with 3 classes for kids and 3 for adults. Lessons are led by Ron Rego, Tennis Instructor, and happen at the Tiverton High School Tennis Courts.
  - Outdoor Yoga Programs are up and running with one Beginning Yoga program on Tuesdays and one Yoga Sculpt program on Thursdays. Both are running for 6 weeks and are from 7:30-8:30am, taking place outside behind the Town Hall Annex Building.
- Fall Rec Programs
  - Planning a full schedule of programs for fall and will hopefully be able to have some programs outside and some inside the Annex Gym.
  - Working on scheduling "Outdoor Movie Night" that would happen outside behind the Town Hall Annex building. Possibly in September and possibly in conjunction with the Cultural Art Council.
- COVID-19 Safety
  - Continue to follow all safety guidelines. All staff/volunteers wear masks, gloves (if needed) and social distance. Have purchased PPE equipment to use in future programs, additional cleaning supplies, etc.
- Supplies
  - Was able to order needed recreation supplies at the end of the fiscal year.

- Financials
  - *Financials were verbally discussed and a future report will be given at the next meeting.*

**Other Topics:**

- Campground Use Committee – Subcommittee
  - *Subcommittee was formed between the Campground Use Committee and the School Committee.*
- WLCT (Land Connection Working Group)
  - *Dana continues to sit on the Land Connection Working Group, attending remote meetings.*

**Close Meeting:** 7:16pm motion to adjourn the meeting by Renee Dufour; second by Tim Gillespie

**Next Meeting:** TBD – suggestion of Monday, Aug 17, 2020 at 6pm