

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2013

Present

Pam Henry                      Timothy Allen  
Dave Kennedy                Bob Appleby  
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke                      Al Giansanti  
Vacancy                        Vacancy

Guests

Vanessa Brunnell  
Peter Lee

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**1. MINUTES:**

**M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the May 15, 2013 minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

No report.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Eagle Scout Project**

D. Kennedy reported David Kennedy is 95% done with his Eagle Scout project and Justin Annello has started his. Another scout might research replacement of the scoreboard.

**b. New Member**

Vanessa Bunnell attended the meeting and expressed an interest in becoming a Recreation Commission member. Vanessa is very active in Recreation sports programs and at Salem School.

**M/S/C (Henry/Appleby) to recommend to the Board of Selectman to appoint Vanessa Bunnell as a member of the Salem Recreation Commission.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**c. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported registrations are taking place for the summer programs (hockey, tennis, music lessons, and performing arts). The Red Sox vs. Yankee game will take place on August 17.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Forsyth Road** – The sign has not been installed yet. S. Spang will contact Signcraft.
- b. **Baseball-** Discussion took place concerning the SYBL cancelling a tournament for War at the Shore that had been scheduled since February. According to SYBL, they canceled the tournament due to the annual picnic for baseball. The Commission stated that once baseball has indicated they will not be using a field, they have no authority to cancel any other use of the fields. It would be the Commission's decision to cancel an event. Overtime was paid to the town crew for field work and there was a loss of revenue due to no field use. War at the Shore was notified approximately seven days before their tournament and had to locate another venue quickly. The consensus of the Commission is S. Spang will write a follow-up email to Roland Trailer, Commissioner of the SYBL.

Discussion took place on a phone call that was placed to State Troop KX about the standing water on the baseball field.

D. Kennedy reported the U12 Tournament will be at the end of June.

- c. **Soccer** – Camp will be the second week in August. Fall registration is taking place now. Vanessa Bunnell informed the Commission Salem School will have both girls and boys soccer team next year.
- d. **Basketball-** Vanessa Bunnell proposed a Salem Recreation Basketball Program to the Commission. She presented a schedule and program outline and adult volunteers for help. The Commission stated they would like to see the program set up similar to soccer with a president, vice-president and secretary. Michele Anthony is the treasurer. The equipment is stored at the school in a locked locker. Background checks will need to be done for all adults that help.
- e. **Tennis** – S. Spang spoke with teens that were using the tennis courts for stick hockey on roller blades with metal nets. They were asked not to use the courts for this purpose.

S. Spang also noted it was reported to her a resident had two dogs inside the courts throwing balls with the dogs. She will handle contacting the resident about proper use of the tennis courts.

- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

D. Kennedy and B. Appleby will work together to research the possibility of lights on the soccer field and baseball field at the Round Hill Road Complex.

There is no recreational adult softball Salem School due to the construction.

Storage is available at the Zemko property for Recreation.

## **8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Language for Adult Gym Use.**

**b. MOU for leagues – S. Spang and P. Henry will work on the MOU for the leagues.**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Kennedy/Appleby) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary