

**TOWN OF SALEM
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020– 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 1**

PRESENT

Alan Maziarz, Chairperson
Robert Appleby
Mary Durkee
Jessica Fletcher (7:08 p.m.)
Crispin Fresco-Hawes
Teri Natoli

ABSENT

Arthur Bergman (7:04 p.m.)
Mary Jean Blezard

1. Call to Order

Chairman Maziarz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

He expressed his appreciation to the First Selectman's Administrative Assistant for organizing and distributing their Agenda Packets.

2. Act on a Motion to Approve the Minutes of January 27, 2020

M/S/C: Fresco-Hawes/Appleby, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Item 9(b) was amended to read:

Round Hill Road Baseball/Softball Field/*General Improvements*

4. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence – none

5. Report on the Budget: Alan Maziarz

a. BOF – FY2020/21 Budget Update

Chairman Maziarz reported that the Board of Finance provided a preliminary approval for their budget, which included a \$5,000.00 increase for the Salem School Weekend Janitor. The Board of Finance will approve the budgets for all Town Departments on March 19.

6. Recreation Program Coordinator's Report: Agnes Miyuki (*attached*)

An e-blast of the upcoming classes, camps, events and activities was sent.

Skyhawks – A slight issue arose with regards to the location of the summer Skyhawks Camps at the School. Due to maintenance, the School and Bingham Field will be unavailable for use during the month of July. In addition, the Lacrosse Camp was

scheduled to be held during the same week as the U.K. Soccer Camp. The schedule and locations will be updated for the affected programs.

Approval was received for the Salem MOMS Club Stroller Walking, which will take place during the same days/times as the Senior Winter/Spring Walking at Salem School. All children must be in a stroller.

Summer Concerts – A short video will be created for the Commissioners to view clips of the bands who performed at the CRPA (Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association) Entertainment Showcase to get an idea of the bands who performed and to, possibly, select from. The bands will perform under the pavilion; a few of the picnic tables will be moved to accommodate them. In an effort to further promote the disc golf course, it is hoped that at least one of the nets will be installed or a portable net be made available prior to the start of the event, along with, possibly, other recreational activities.

NY Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox Game – The trip will be hosted in conjunction with the Town of Montville's Parks & Recreation Department. The seats will be located in either left field outfield or right field outfield (home run territory). The Commission agreed to offer the following section/pricing levels:

Terrace:	\$ 65.00	+	\$50.00 (bus)	=	\$115
Field:	\$100.00	+	\$50.00 (bus)	=	\$150

A minimum of 40 participants will be required to hold the trip. Commissioner Appleby suggested the possibility of offering a rose, similar to the Lions Club's offering of a dozen roses during Super Bowl weekend as the game will be held on Mother's Day weekend.

DATTCO also offers trips to Red Sox games, but those would require 50 participants, which might prove difficult to obtain.

7. Public Works Report: Don Bourdeau – no report

8. Unfinished Business

a. Forsyth Road/Volunteer Field

The kit for the pavilion, which will provide the dimensions and an engineered plan, will be selected and price estimates from prospective (local) contractors will be obtained for review at their next Regular Meeting.

b. Disc Golf

Chairman Maziarz spoke with Disc Golf Consultant Shawn Callaghan who wished to ensure that the funding for the project would be available for the duration of the project, noting that the East Haddam Disc Golf Course took approximately three (3) years to complete. Because the funds are included on the Town's Capital Plan, at least a portion of the funds must be expended on an annual basis to keep the funding active and maintained.

Commissioner Natoli expressed her concern regarding the chicken manure that is spread on the corn field at the Salem Community Park. The manure was especially odorous during its most recent application.

c. Ice Rink – Next Steps

Chairman Maziarz is planning to meet with the Public Works Director regarding the details and feasibility of the project and to develop a plan.

d. Cooking Class

Commissioner Natoli reported that Norwich Adult Education offers six-week themed cooking classes, e.g. cake decorating, finger foods, etc. Discussion ensued regarding how to locate an engaging instructor who would be willing to teach the class. A survey/poll will be posted on Facebook to gauge the public's interest.

9. New Business

a. Center School Schedule

The locks at Center School have been changed due to a Fire Code violation and new keys will be distributed. A schedule has been created that will be managed by the First Selectman's office. Currently, the Lions Club and AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meetings are held at the School. The School has also been reserved for various Spring/Summer Recreation programs.

b. Round Hill Road Baseball/Softball Field/General Improvements

Chairman Maziarz will be meeting with the Public Works Director to discuss the possibility of upgrading/repairing the field clay prior to the start of the season. Funds may need to be allocated for any necessary materials in the near future.

A SYBL (Salem Youth Baseball League) Concession Stand Coordinator has been appointed. Commissioners Natoli and Fletcher expressed their willingness to volunteer at the stand. Chairman Maziarz requested the allocation of funds for supplies to clean and upgrade the concession stand and bathrooms.

M/S/C: Appleby/Fresco-Hawes, to allocate up to \$500.00 for the beautification of the interior of the concession stand and bathrooms. Discussion: Chairman Maziarz will schedule a Cleaning Day. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.

c. Porta-Potty's out for Bid

The porta-potty vendor was contacted and requested to remove all of the porta-potties located at Round Hill Road fields (3), Salem Community Park (1), and Forsyth Road fields (2). *United Rentals* has been contacted for an estimate.

d. Trail Maps

Chairman Maziarz proposed the possibility of having wooden carved trail maps, which would have each trail delineated by a color, created for their trails.

e. Salem Green

Discussion ensued regarding the property line and the possibility of placing picnic tables on the Town Green.

10. Future/New Recreation Endeavors

a. Open Discussions

Commissioner Natoli proposed the possibility of engaging *The Red House Cultural Arts Center* to create five (5) tie-dye colored medallions to celebrate March Madness. The Commissioners were in favor of the idea and of having special medallions. Also discussed was the possibility of including one medallion that has a prize associated with it.

An extra kiosk stand for postings, similar to that of which is located just outside the Town Hall, is available for use by Recreation. The possibility of posting recreation programs at a key location in Town was discussed. Commissioner Fresco-Hawes suggested placing the kiosk at Salem Community Park once the ice rink/volleyball court and disc golf are established.

11. Adjournment

M/S/C: Appleby/Fresco-Hawes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem