

**TOWN OF SALEM
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020– 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 1**

PRESENT

Alan Maziarz, Chairperson
Robert Appleby
Arthur Bergman (7:04 p.m.)
Mary Jean Blezard
Mary Durkee
Crispin Fresco-Hawes
Teri Natoli

ABSENT

Jessica Fletcher

1. Call to Order

Chairman Maziarz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

2. Act on a Motion to Approve the Minutes of December 16, 2019

M/S/C: Appleby/Natoli to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2019, with the following amendment:

Page 2, Item 4 – Public Comment, 3rd Paragraph, 6th Line:

The proposed pavilion was enlarged to 20' x 36' to accommodate a utility/storage room ~~and~~ *with* possible bathroom facilities *and would cost approximately \$15,790.00*. In comparison, the Community Park Pavilion measures 36' x 60' and was a base cost ~~\$15,790.00~~ *of over \$36,000.00....* The water ~~would be not may~~ be potable, ~~but would be treated and, without the bathrooms and only a well, would not need to be treated.~~

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda – none

4. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence – none

5. Report on the Budget: Alan Maziarz

a. BOF Meeting Debrief

1) Budget Approval

As of last week, the Commission's budget is 15.1% expended. Line Item 5-645-929, Community Outreach/Appropriated Exp., has been fully expended due to their recent

attendance to the CRPA (Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association) Conference and State Recreation License Certification fees.

Discussion ensued regarding the addition of \$5,000.00 for the Weekend Janitor for the proposed budget for FY2020/21. The funds were previously allocated to the Board of Education budget, but, due to recent budget cuts, were returned to the Town's budget. Commissioner Natoli expressed her concerns regarding the Commission, as a group of volunteers, approving the salaries of employees. The following options were proposed:

- a) charging each of the respective sports who utilize the facilities during the weekend
- b) re-allocation of the Commission's funds, e.g., re-allocating the funds for Line Item 5-645-927, Salem Recreation Association Programs
- c) request \$5,000.00 to be added to their budget

It was clarified that the cost of the janitor(s) for the weeknight programs are not included and are paid for by the Board of Education. In response to Commissioner Natoli, Chairman Maziarz reported that the Public Works Director did not feel that the expense should be included in the Public Works budget. Commissioner Natoli suggested contacting and speaking with the Director to discuss any upcoming maintenance projects and their estimated costs. Commissioners Bergman and Blezard proposed requesting the janitor's pay rate, number of hours, and time period. The budget will be presented on March 19 to the Board of Finance.

2) Capital Requests

Chairman Maziarz reported that he provided an update to the Forsyth Road/ Volunteer Park project(s) and presented the Commission's Capital Plan request for the Disc Golf project for FY2020/21 to the Board of Finance. After re-evaluating the project and their needs at this time, he informed the Board that the Commission has decided to cancel the well and septic portion of project and return the previously allocated \$90,000.00 and to push out the \$45,000.00 for the Pavilion project to FY2021/22. After much discussion, the Board opted to keep the Pavilion project in the FY2020/21 Capital Plan. The Commissioners discussed the associated costs of the project and will be obtaining estimates from local contractors for a 20' x 36' Pavilion. In addition, the Board voted to include the Disc Golf project for the FY2020/21 Capital Plan. Approval for the allocation of funds for the FY2020/21 Capital Plan will be finalized when it is voted upon at the Town's budget referendum.

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

With regards to the *Modeling & Fashion Camp*, the Commissioners agreed to hold a Full-Day (6 hour) Camp to held from August 17 to 21.

7. Public Works Report: Don Bourdeau – no report

8. Unfinished Business

a. Forsyth Road/Volunteer Field – *see item 5(a)*

b. Disc Golf – *see item 5(a)*

c. Ice Rink – Next Steps

Chairman Maziarz has begun investigating options and pricing information and plans to speak with the Public Works Director in the near future regarding the necessary site work.

9. New Business

a. Cooking Class

Commissioner Natoli reported that she has met with and viewed the Salem Volunteer Fire Company's kitchen and plans to do the same at the Congregational Church Community Center's kitchen.

b. Yearly Planning & Review of Activities

Chairman Maziarz proposed creating a list of dates of the year's events.

10. Future/New Recreation Endeavors

a. Open Discussions

Commissioner Bergman proposed the possibility of starting a Chess Club program for all ages during the weekends at, possibly, the Library. Commissioner Natoli informed the Commission that she once ran a Chess Club at the Science and Technology Magnet High School in New London.

11. Adjournment

M/S/C: Bergman/Fresco-Hawes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Discussion: None.

Voice vote, 8-0, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

Interim Recreation Coordinator Report – January 2020

- **Basic Dog Obedience Class**
Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
6 weeks, February 5 to March 11, 2020
Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company
Min: 3, Max: 10
\$100.00 (\$105 Non-Residents)
- **Therapy Dog Class**
Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
8 weeks, February 6 to March 27, 2020
Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company
Min: 4, Max: 8
\$120 (\$125 Non-Residents) (cost of canine good citizenship test is included in price)
- **Yoga Classes** for ages 13 and up
Monday evenings, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Salem Volunteer Fire Company
Virtual Punch Cards in increments of \$50 (\$55 Non-Residents)/5 classes
\$100 (\$105 Non-Residents)/10 classes
Request submitted to School to move class to Salem School MPR in March
- **Regional Summer Concert Series with Colchester and Marlborough**
Marlborough: June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6
Colchester: July 2, July 16
Salem: July 30, August 13
Salem Community Park
Bands cost average of \$500 to \$1,000
Sound Engineer (if necessary) \$500 to \$600

CT Recreation & Parks Association Entertainment Showcase
February 20, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
\$25.00 Members / \$35.00 Non-Members
crpa.com/events/entertainmentshowcase
- **Minds in Motion**
mindsinmotionnj.com
Monday, April 13 to Friday, April 17 (Spring Vacation)

Chemical Creations, Ages 6 – 12	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Center School	\$130
Roller Coasters, Ages 8 – 12	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Center School	\$145

Minimum is 7 kids, Maximum, 12-15, depending on the program
- **Skyhawks**
skyhawks.com
Saturdays, April 25 to May 30, 9:30 to 11am (5 weeks, no class Memorial Day Weekend)

STEM Flag Football, ages 7 to 11	Round Hill Road Fields	\$ 99
June 29 - July 2, 9am to 1pm		
Beginner Tennis Camp, ages 6 to 9	Round Hill Road Tennis Courts	\$119

- **Skyhawks** (*continued*)

June 29 - July 2, 9am to 1pm		
Intermediate to Advanced Tennis Camp, ages 8 to 12	Round Hill Road Tennis Courts	\$119
July 13 to 17, 9am to 12pm		
Mini-Hawk Camp (Baseball, Basketball, Soccer), ages 4 to 7	Salem School	\$129
July 13 to 17, 9am to 3pm		
Multi-Sport Camp (Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer), ages 7 to 12	Salem School	\$149
July 20 to 24, 9am to 3pm		
STEM & Play Basketball Camp, ages 8 to 11 (3rd to 5th grade)	Salem School	\$159
July 27 to 31, 9am to 12pm		
Beginning Golf Camp, ages 5 to 8	Salem School	\$129
August 3 to 7, 9am to 1pm		
Lacrosse, ages 7 to 12	Round Hill Road Fields	\$139

- **SuperTots Sports Academy**

supertotsports.com

Classes and enrichment programs for 18 months to 5 year olds

Programs include: SoccerTots, BaseballTots, HoopsterTots, CheerTots, 1st Down Tots

Possible Fall program, interest inquiry with MOMS Club

- **Modeling & Fashion Camp**

Makeover Monday, Time to Say Cheese Tuesday, Wanna be Famous Wednesday, T-Shirt Thursday, Fashion Show Friday

Prefer ages 5 to 11, 1 to 2 Counselors per 8-10 Children

Available weeks: July 20 - 24

August 17 – 21

Min: 5, Max: 10

Half-Day Camp (3 Hours): \$110.00

Full-Day Camp (6 Hours): \$140.00

- **Norwich Chamber of Commerce, Recreation Commission page**

web.norwichchamber.com/Youth-Services/Salem-Recreation-Commission-2861

- **NY Yankees Games**

Games vs. Toronto Blue Jays, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Texas Rangers, Oakland A's, and Toronto Blue Jays.

Tickets start at \$40, includes regular sized hot dog/chicken tenders, fries, and drink

- **Hobby Quest**

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS

Adult Flag Football

Whitewater River Rafting

Bus Tours

Toddler Ballet

Horseback Riding

FloGris Art Program

Women's Pick-up Basketball

Lighthouse Tour (requested by Seniors)

Bingo

Art Studio Tours

Farm Day/Tour