

**TOWN OF SALEM  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020– 7:00 P.M.  
SALEM TOWN HALL – VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**Per State of Connecticut, Governor Lamont Executive Order Number 7B, the Town of Salem Recreation meeting on April 29, 2020 will be following the suspension of in-person open meeting requirements. The public can view this meeting at**

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**PRESENT**

Alan Maziarz, Chairperson  
Art Bergman (7:24 p.m.)  
Mary Jean Blezard  
Mary Durkee  
Jessica Fletcher  
Crispin Fresco-Hawes  
Teri Natoli

**ABSENT**

Robert Appleby

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Maziarz called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

He expressed his appreciation to the First Selectman's Administrative Assistant for organizing the virtual meeting.

**2. Act on a Motion to Approve the Minutes of February 24, 2020**

**M/S/C: Natoli/Fresco-Hawes, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2020, with the following amendment:**

**Item 9(b)** ~~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.~~

**Discussion: Chairman Maziarz stated that the upgrading/repairing of the field clay, unbeknownst to him, was completed during the Fall. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

**3. Adjustments to the Agenda – none**

**4. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence – none**

**5. Report on the Budget: Alan Maziarz**

Chairman Maziarz reported that 24.2% of their budget has been expended. Due to the current state of affairs, all of the programs are currently in limbo and does not expect any big changes in their budget. Any reimbursements that need to be signed off may be e-mailed directly to him or dropped off at his home mailbox.

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

Participants are now able to register online and may pay either online or by mail. Should they choose to pay online, a transaction fee will be charged. In response to Chairman Maziarz, the exact percentage amount and the refund process in relation to the transaction fee for any canceled programs will be investigated.

A revised video of the band finalists will be created and distributed for a final vote.

**7. Public Works Report: Don Bourdeau – no report**

**8. Unfinished Business**

**a. Forsyth Volunteer Field**

Both the Forsyth Road Volunteer Field and the Disc Golf projects have been pushed out one year in the Capital Plan due to the current fiscal climate and the pandemic.

**b. Disc Golf**

Because the Disc Golf project has been pushed out one year in the Capital Plan, Chairman Maziarz proposed the possibility of allocating funds from their budget to install one to two disc golf baskets on the main Pavilion area. Commissioner Bergman suggested contacting Disc Golf Consultant Shawn Callaghan for an estimate. Based on the proposal, Commissioner Natoli estimated that \$2,000.00 for one to two holes would be sufficient.

**M/S/C: Natoli/Bleazard, to allocate funds not exceed \$2,000.00 for the purpose of starting the Disc Golf course. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-1. Voting in Favor: Commissioners Bleazard, Durkee, Fletcher, Fresco-Hawes, Natoli, and Maziarz. Voting in Opposition: Commissioner Bergman.**

**c. Ice Rink – Next Steps**

Chairman Maziarz reported that he has spoken with Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau who is agreeable with having his department conduct the excavation and grading of the area for the ice rink.

**d. Cooking Class**

Chairman Maziarz reported that the East Haddam Parks & Recreation Department is hosting an “On the Rocks Family Cooking Class” via Zoom in May. The registrants would pick up a crate of the ingredients from the restaurant and take part in a live online class to prepare a three-course meal for \$75 for a family of four.

Interim Coordinator Miyuki reported that a total of 32 responses were received from the Facebook Cooking Class Survey with 31 individuals stating their interest in taking a Cooking Class.

Commissioner Natoli suggested the possibility of contacting *Two Brothers Restaurant* and/or *Provider Farms*, who shares recipes weekly and will begin distributing shares in June. Chairman Maziarz will contact Nik and Alex Alevras of *Two Brothers Restaurant* regarding their possible interest.

**d. Porta-Potty Quotes**

The previous vendor has removed the porta-potties from the fields and *United Rentals* has been contacted for an estimate for the porta-potties.

**9. New Business**

**a. COVID-19 Update**

Discussion ensued regarding the need to spray down and sanitize their fields and facilities once they start to open up. Commissioner Natoli questioned whether they should consider installing a hand-washing station(s) and distributing hand sanitizers at their facilities.

Chairman Maziarz stated that the hand-washing station(s) could be part of their contract with *United Rental*. Commissioner Blezard suggested checking with the CDC (Center for Disease Control) for any recommendations they might have as well as investigating how our neighboring towns are approaching the subject.

**1) Fiscal Planning**

Chairman Maziarz, in a recent conversation with the First Selectman, reported the possibility of reducing their funding for fee-based sports, i.e., soccer and baseball, due to the shortened/cancellation of their season(s). Commissioner Bergman stated that reducing their funding could increase the financial stress on the organizations as the cancellation of their season(s) is resulting in the absorption of costs.

**b. Salem Field Visits**

Chairman Maziarz stated that Commissioner Appleby suggested the possibility of visiting and discussing their fields in the near future. The Commissioners were agreeable to conducting yearly visits to their fields.

**c. Chess Club**

Commissioner Bergman will investigate the possibility of creating an online Chess Club.

**10. Future/New Recreation Endeavors**

**a. Open Discussions**

Medallion Project

Commissioner Natoli reported that the Salem Land Trust is organizing an event for CT Trails Day through iNaturalist and suggested the possibility of continuing with the medallions for CT Trails Day. She proposed distributing 25 to 30 medallions and expanding not only the time frame, but also the locations, including the Pavilion and the Salem Land Trust's newly acquired *Woodland Warbler Preserve*. The Commissioners agreed; Commissioner Natoli will contact *The Red House* regarding the creation of the medallions.

Memorial Day

Commissioner Bergman introduced the possibility of hosting a Commission-sponsored activity to contribute to Memorial Day in lieu of the Memorial Day Bike Decorating Contest. Chairman Maziarz suggested the possibility of inviting residents to decorate their homes and submit a photograph via Facebook or e-mail to the Commission and dividing their submissions into categories. The Commissioners agreed to provide gift certificates of \$25.00 each to *The Plum Tomato*, *Two Brothers Restaurant*, *Salem Valley Ice Cream*, and *Salem Prime Cuts* to the winning decorations. The categories will be: Memorial Day, First Responders, Salem/Cougar Pride, and Anything Goes. Flyers will be distributed via the School's Wednesday Folder and posted on the *Two Brothers Restaurant* Bulletin Board, and an e-blast will be sent out to promote the contest.

**M/S/C: Natoli/Bergman, to appropriate \$100.00 for the purchase of gift certificates to local businesses as prize items for the Memorial Day Home Decorating Contest. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor.**

**11. Adjournment**

**M/S/C: Fresco-Hawes/Natoli, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

## Interim Recreation Coordinator Report – March/April 2020

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### **REGISTRATION FORMS**

Now available online at: <https://bit.ly/SalemRecOnlineRegForm>

Transaction fees (min. \$2.00) apply for those paying online

### **CURRENT/ONGOING PROGRAMS** *(all programs cancelled to May 31)*

- **Virtual Museums, Exhibitions, Performances, Classes, Activities:**  
[https://www.salemct.gov/sites/salemct/files/uploads/virtual\\_and\\_online\\_activities\\_04232020.pdf](https://www.salemct.gov/sites/salemct/files/uploads/virtual_and_online_activities_04232020.pdf)
- **Yoga** for ages 13 and up  
Monday, June 1 Salem School MPR  
Mondays, June 8 – 29 Location TBD  
July & August - NO CLASSES
- **Adult Tennis with Anne Santoro**  
**Tuesday Evenings**, June 2 - June 30 (5 classes), 5:30-6:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday Mornings**, June 3 - July 1 (5 classes), 9:30-10:45 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$95 Resident | \$100 Non-Resident  
Clinics will be limited to 4 students. More clinics may be added to accommodate those who wish to participate.

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

- **Skyhawks**  
[skyhawks.com](http://skyhawks.com)  
Beginner Tennis Camp, ages 6 to 9, Class size: 8-10  
June 29 - July 2 9am to 1pm Round Hill Road Tennis Courts \$119  
Intermediate to Advanced Tennis Camp, ages 8 to 12, Class size: 8-10  
June 29 - July 2 9am to 1pm Round Hill Road Tennis Courts \$119  
Mini-Hawk Camp (Baseball, Basketball, Soccer), ages 4 to 7, Class size: 8-16  
July 13 to 17 9am to 12pm Salem School\* \$129  
Multi-Sport Camp (Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer), ages 7 to 12, Class size: 8-12  
July 13 to 17 9am to 3pm Salem School\* \$149  
STEM & Play Basketball Camp, ages 8 to 11 (3rd to 5th grade), Class size: 8-20  
July 20 to 24 9am to 3pm Salem School\* \$159  
Beginning Golf Camp, ages 5 to 8, Class size: 8-10  
July 27 to 31 9am to 12pm Salem School\* \$129  
Lacrosse, ages 7 to 12, Class size: 8-20\*\*  
August 3 to 7 9am to 1pm Round Hill Road Fields \$139

\* Salem School not available for use in July due to maintenance

\*\* Lacrosse Camp will be moved due to UK Soccer Camp during the same week

**SUMMER PROGRAMS** *(continued)*

• **Hobby Quest**

August 10 – 14, Class Size: 8-16

<u>Airplane Engineers</u> (entering grades K-6)	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Center School	\$175/\$180 per class or
<u>Magic Wizards</u> (entering grades K-6)	12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Center School	\$325/\$330 both classes

• **Modeling & Fashion Camp**

for ages 5 to 11, Class size: 5-10

August 17 – 21	9am to 3pm	Center School	\$140/\$145
with outdoor Fashion Show (Pavilion?)			

**SUMMER EVENT**

• **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

Opening Band(s): The Music Bureau's Camp of Rock

July 30 Food Trucks: Captain Scott's Lobster Dock

The Rolling Tomato

Scottie's Frozen Custard

August 13 Food Trucks:

Scottie's Frozen Custard

Brick & Basil Wood Fired Pizza

Curb Your Appetite (?)

Other Food Truck Options:

Buon Appetito Brick Oven Pizza, Flanders Fish Market, Archie's Wingz n Things, OzNBones BBQ, Uncle D's Blazin BBQ, Rustic Streats

Band Possibilities:

	TOTAL VOTES	LOW	HIGH
AM Gold	3	\$2,000	\$4,500
Dee-lish	2	\$500	\$1,000
F & Blues Band	2	\$600+	
Mass-Conn-Fusion	2	Negotiable	
Sounds of Frank	2	\$900	\$1,200
Unfinished Business	2	\$600	\$1,200
Andre & Eddie	1	\$600+	
Ball in House	1	\$1,300	\$2,500
Big Deal Rock	1	\$500	\$1,000
KC Sisters	1	\$600	\$2,500
Larry Stevens	1	TBD	
Rotary	1	\$1,000	\$1,500
The Pop Rocks	1	\$1,500	\$2,500
What it is	1	\$600	\$1,500

**IN PROCESS**

- **Salem Land Trust** – partner up to host Spring/Summer walks along the trails
- **Florence Griswold Museum Art Programs** for kids and adults
- **EYES for Learning LEGO Camps**
- **Cardio Dance Classes**
- **SuperTots Sports Academy**  
[supertotsports.com](http://supertotsports.com)  
Classes and enrichment programs for 18 months to 5 years  
Programs include: SoccerTots, BaseballTots, HoopsterTots, CheerTots, 1st Down Tots  
*Possible Fall program, interest inquiry with MOMS Club*

**POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS**

Flag Football – Ryan Waterman  
Whitewater River Rafting  
Bus Tours  
Toddler Ballet  
Horseback Riding  
Women's Pick-up Basketball  
Lighthouse Tour (requested by Seniors)  
Bingo  
Art Studio Tours  
Farm Day/Tour