1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. **Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022**
      Motion made by Commissioner Blezard, seconded by Commissioner Durkee, to approve the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.
   b. **Informational Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022**
      Motion made by Commissioner Wlodarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Marsh, to approve the June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.
   c. **Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022** – no meeting; no minutes

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

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

5. **Budget Update**
   The Commissioners reviewed the budget for July. There was a slight mix-up concerning the number of porta-potties and handwash station at the Pavilion, which was eventually
resolved. Discussion ensued regarding the porta-potties for the Summer Concert. It was agreed to maintain the (1) ADA-accessible and (1) deluxe porta-potties and request (1) hand wash station for the event.

*Commissioner Delorimiere joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.*

6. **Recreation Program Coordinator’s Report**
   The Commission reviewed the Recreation Report of the current, upcoming, and planned classes, activities, and events. Updates since the Report was generated include:

   Tuesday’s free Meditation…Chi Kung…Tai Chi Chuan classes will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 18, from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. The official classes will begin on Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m., at the Pavilion. The classes will be $20.00/month and limited to 12 participants. Five participants joined the free August 9 morning class (prior to the Salem Seniors monthly meeting) at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company and 11 participants joined the evening class at The Pavilion.

   Two popular summer Photography Camp with former Commissioner Amanda Lawrence were held and plans are in the process to host two camps next summer. She is also contemplating the possibility of holding an afterschool or spring break photography camp.

   The last few days of the Skyhawks summer camp were moved to Salem School’s Multi-Purpose Room due to the heat and the condition of the grass. The earlier camp also dealt with bees. The For the Love of the Game Baseball Camp garnered approximately 32 participants and will be offered again next summer during the same week. Co-Vice-Chairperson Durkee inquired as to the number of female and Salem participants.

   Possible afterschool activities and activities on early dismissal days are being investigated.

7. **Public Works Report** – no discussion

8. **Unfinished Business**
   a. **Volleyball Court**
      Discussion ensued regarding replacing the woodchips with sand and/or grass. Co-Vice-Chairperson Durkee reported that she spoke with Public Works Foreman Tony Gallicchio, who felt that placing sand would turn the court into a large litterbox. He also felt that placing grass would create a muddy court. The Commissioners agreed to request that the woodchips be removed for next year and seek estimates for the sand.

   b. **Trails & Kiosk/Info Center – Emergency Trail Markers** – no discussion

   c. **Disc Golf Safety Enhancements**
      Commissioner Wlodarczyk reported that he met and toured the course with the Public Works Foreman. All of the baskets have been removed from the course. Working with former Designer Rob LeMire, he and Selectman Disc Golf Liaison TJ Butcher created a
revised map of the course, which will begin at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road. Seven of the holes will be replaced. It is hoped that the course will be completed by the spring/fall of 2023. The majority of the work will be conducted by the Public Works Department. The goal is to create a safe family-friendly course. The Commissioners were pleased that the two parks will be connected.

Three bags of discs are available for loan once the disc golf course is completed.

d. **Bob Appleby Fields, Volunteer Park at Forsyth Road**

Co-Vice-Chairperson Durkee reported that three price estimates were received for a new sign to be created for the Park. Each of the companies stated that the damage to the current sign could not be properly repaired. The Commissioners agreed to use the services of Signcraft who created and produced the original/current sign. The sign will take approximately six weeks to complete and the same posts will be utilized.

**M/S/C: Durkee/Delorimiere, to allocate an amount not to exceed $4,000.00 to Signcraft for the Bob Appleby Fields at Volunteer Park replacement sign. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

**M/S/C: Wlodarczyk/Marsh, to approve the Board of Selectmen-selected Bob Appleby Fields at Volunteer Park replacement sign. Discussion: Co-Vice-Chairperson Durkee will inform former Commissioners Sue Spang and Dave Kennedy. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

e. **Pickleball Court Repainting**

A request for an additional pickleball net was received. Co-Vice-Chairperson Blezard will investigate the number of pickleball nets that were ordered.

f. **Harris Brook Trail & Bridge**

Co-Vice-Chairperson Blezard will remind/check in with the Public Works Foreman regarding the status of the repair of the trail that was washed out and the bridge that became slippery when wet. The goal is to complete the projects by the fall before the cross-country team begins using the trails for their training.

g. **August 25 Concert**

Concert signage was ordered and placed at key locations in the town. Large lawn games, which the Library has generously offered, will be placed on the grass for guests to play with during the concert. The concert will be held on Thursday, August 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. It was agreed to host a concert on the last Thursday of June and August, making it a regular event. Should additional sponsors come forward, a July concert could be added. The possibility of having a donation box at the event and soliciting sponsorship in future issues of *Our Town Salem* to help fund the concerts was raised. Once the concerts become regular and routine, the amount of signage could be reduced and, possibly, reused. It was also suggested to post the banner at the
roundabout throughout the summer, beginning in May. Town groups and organizations are welcome to set up a promotional table at the event.

h. Pavilion & Fields Rental – the item will be eliminated from future agendas

i. Basketball Usage – Signs
   A request to post the sign stating the rules of the basketball/tennis courts was submitted to the Public Works Department.

9. New Business
   a. Memorial Day Parade Bike Contest
      Two winners were awarded with a $10.00 Gift Card to Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream.
   b. Salem Little League Request for Funding of Indoor Batting Cage
      The Commissioners agreed to deny Salem Little League's request to fund an Indoor Batting Cage, per their June Regular Meeting.
   c. Funding for Salem Little League, East Lyme Basketball, Salem Surge Soccer
      Funding in the amount of $2,000.00 was allocated to Salem Little League. No funding was provided to Salem Surge Soccer and East Lyme Basketball, which are in limbo.
   d. Re-establishment of Salem Surge Soccer & Salem Basketball Rec Leagues
      A meeting with former Salem Surge Soccer President Damon Foster to revive Salem soccer is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m., at Volunteer Park.
   e. Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Monster Mash
      The Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company contacted the Recreation Coordinator regarding the Commission’s interest in supporting this year’s Halloween Monster Mash event. The amount of funding the Commission provided the previous year was discussed. It was agreed to further discuss the Commission’s participation in the event during their next meeting.
   f. Holiday Tree Lighting, Saturday, December 3
      Singer Freddie Marion will be contacted regarding his availability to provide the entertainment for the evening. Hot cocoa and cookies will be offered. Last year, a small favor bag was created and distributed to the children.
      Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of holding the event outdoors.

10. Adjournment
    Motion made by Commissioner Blezard, seconded by Commissioner Durkee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem