

Town of Goshen

RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, January 23, 2023

Present: Chairman, Nanci Howard; Erin Reilly, Recreation Director; Sue Breakell Sarah Leonard; Patrick Lucas, Angela Rossbach. **Excused:** Garrett Harlow
Also Present: Selectman Mark S. Harris

1 Call to order: 7:13p.m.

2. Secretary's Report: Special Meeting November 28, 2022: In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Susan Breakell, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of Special Meeting November 28, 2022. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Patrick Lucas, seconded by Angela Rossbach, it was **voted** to move Item New Business, Item A, Mark Harris, discussion on Wi-Fi at Kobylenski Lodge to this time allotment. Voted unanimous.

Selectman Harris thanked the Recreation Commission for hearing his request, the thought of moving Town Meetings from the gym at Goshen Center School over to Kobylenski Lodge (Camp Coch). Town meetings in the school gym has had complaints of not being able to hear well, the task of moving the equipment over to the school gym. etc. This new set-up will be permanent. The Recreation Commission is being asked to give permission to use Camp Coch on a *permanent* basis, inasmuch as Wi-Fi with internet will have to be permanently set up there, along with a big screen and speakers. This new electronic set up will enable the Recreation Commission also to expand their programs held there also. The cost will be born by the Park & Recreation Commission – 50% and 50% will come from the Town Budget. This proposal will be further discussed. In a **motion** made by Patrick Lucas, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to move forward on this permanent change of venue with the Board of Selectmen to garner more details. Voted unanimous.

3. Financial Report:

Present bills report: was read by the Commissioners and some items were discussed i.e., Blood Pressure Cuffs, Jespersen's Landscaping, etc. *Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual showed 26.5%*. Discussion was held on the financing for future programs.

4. Programing Report:

60+ Programs: Yoga programs (3) will continue; bus trips offering luncheons will continue as well.

Kids Programs: The Holiday party went very well. The "Ho-Ho Hotline" was a big hit – a big thank you to Mike, Brooke, and Gary. The visit by Santa on the ambulance was great, the kids Christmas crafts went very well; the kids spent good time completing crafts. K-6 Basketball is very successful.

Family Programs: A Valentine brunch program will be held in conjunction with the Goshen Community Care group to be held at the Congregational Church.

Mohawk Ski Program: Despite some initial confusion with the sign-ups, the program is up and running.

Adult Programs: The Cardio program begins in February. Adult volleyball with Mike Prause, is running to March.

Trips: Warren and Morris are teaming up to offer a cruise to Alaska. More information on this event is available and is available to Goshen residents.

5. Old Business: Kobylenski Lodge monitoring:

A booster is needed for the monitoring cameras.

Adjacent to Camp Coch, Town Hill Road seems to have become a “hang out place” of sorts. Dumping of food items and other debris were found there. A camera will be placed there. CT State Police will be asked to monitor the area, do drive-bys.

6. New Business:

Camp 2023: Applications for staff is on line; Rachel has consented to duties as Assistant Rec Director; a new time schedule may be put in place.

Kitchen Hood Suppression System: The cost is approximately \$2000. It needs to be replaced for “compliance”. This will help make the Camp kitchen become a “Certified Kitchen” by TAHD.

Containers Sold: The two large containers that were in the parking lot have been sold for \$2,800.

Air Conditioners at Kobylenski Lodge: Quotes from L&L Mechanical for split units in the “west wing” and main lodge have been received \$7,700 and \$7,200 respectively. A decision will be made pending conversations with the Board of Finance to obtain a grant, or use of Capital & Non-Recurring Fund.

Other Business to come before the Commission:

A flyer has been posted for local businesses and organizations who wish to sponsor a picnic table for use at the new Pavilion and other places around the camp grounds. Goshen Public Works will be making the tables. A nice plaque will be placed on each table with the name(s) of the sponsor. LaPlaca Oil made a donation to sponsor a band at the summer concert series. Star Quilters Guild is considering a sponsorship to a table as well.

Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige,