

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2015**

PRESENT: Colleen Finn, Recreation Director; Don Patterson; Cate Corwin; Garrett Harlow; Erin Hurlburt; Al Torizzo

EXCUSED: Nanci Howard

Don Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

IN A MOTION made by Erin Hurlburt, seconded by Garrett Harlow, it was VOTED to render the floor to Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman. Voted unanimous.

Mr. Valentine spoke about all departments *working together*. He reiterated his support of the tasks of the Recreation Commission, including the Camp Coch bathrooms (STEAP Grant), the restoration of the floor at Camp Coch, etc. Don Patterson voiced his and the Commission's appreciation for the open communications that prevail between the Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Commission.

Secretary's Report:

The following corrections were made to the minutes of April 20, 2015:

Under Treasurer's report: "the amount of \$3,103.14 in revenue from the activities account."

Under Program Report: "Jen Watkins"

Under Camp Coch Summer Day Camp: "adding a kindergarten counselor to the program"

Under Camp Coch Summer Day Camp: Senior's picnic should be under Program Report

On Page 2 first paragraph: Don Patterson suggested a sufficient amount "for a new ice rink".

On Page 2 fourth paragraph: the running "bond" pattern

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Garrett Harlow, it was VOTED to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2015 minutes as corrected. Voted unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

The Commission agreed that the POS – Official payments, (*Camp Online Payments program*) was very well received and receiving a lot of response. \$688 for the *Poppy Fishing Derby* was omitted from the amount column, therefore the correct total in the Balance column should read \$8950.43. Under *Special Events* on the Profit & Loss Statement, Special Events includes two concerts and the Senior Picnic; an RFP will be created for law moving at Camp Coch.

IN A MOTION made by Al Torizzo, seconded by Garrett Harlow, it was VOTED to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended. Voted unanimous.

Programming Report:

The T-ball program is a resounding success; team members are a great group of kids.

The Archery program is off to a great start with an enthusiastic group of participants.

Don Patterson would publicly like to thank Erin Hurlburt and other parents who have been exceptionally helpful with their assistance. Use of the shed for equipment has been a great asset in that the equipment no longer has to be hauled a great distance. Wood chips are needed for the archery range.

The Camp Registrations indicate a strong interest with 85 kids signed up to date. With expected out-of-town sign ups the number may easily rise to 150 sign ups.

The Steve Dunn Band concert will be held on Friday, May 22nd; signage is in place; donations for this event came from the American Legion and Union Savings Bank.

The sponsors for the "Switch Factory" (June 28th) concert are the American Legion, Lane & Lane, Justin Watley.

IN A MOTION made by Erin Hurlburt, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to appropriate \$450 for fees for the Jerry Carillo Band to provide entertainment at the Senior Picnic (June 10th). Voted unanimous.

Old Business:

Spring projects that need to be done at Camp Coch include light landscaping, HQ inside walls, paint Camp Coch sign, mend fencing, paint outside the lodge, clean up around the trails. To this end the next meeting of the Recreation Commission, Monday, June 15, 2015, will be held at Camp Coch. A tentative date for the projects at Camp Coch to be done is Saturday, June 27, 2015.

Policies of “set up” and “breakdown” with usage of groups at the Camp Coch Lodge was discussed. The possibility of charging a fee of \$25. for these tasks was under consideration.

An ad-hoc Committee was formed to investigate the work-scope for maintenance of the public ice-rink. Committee: Garrett Harlow, Nanci Howard, and Erin Hurlburt. An open RFP will be created by Colleen Finn to garner quotations.

The Commission will instruct Chuck to properly hang the Boy Scout sign at Camp Coch. (Will be able to be removed when other events are held at the Camp.)

The T-ball fields at Goshen Center School will need to have a contractor come and level the field and and place the lines. Colleen Finn will take care of obtaining the fence coverings. These tasks will be done after school is released at the end of the school year. The lavatories located in the Town Hall can be used by T-ball participants, as the Public Library is open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

New Business:

Ash Trees – an arborist will be consulted as to a plan/solution to properly treat the Ash trees from infestation.

The refrigerator has been repaired by Hobart (from Hartford).

The issue of dangerous quantities of bees in the public areas at Camp Coch has been addressed; spraying was done and the bees were eradicated; no longer a problem.

A brief discussion was held on the office hours held by the Recreation Director. While the hours for this position will remain the same, an adjustment to accommodate the time required for the Director to execute other responsibilities, i.e., banking, site visits to Camp Coch, purchase of materials the various programs/events at the camp. A review of the contract of the Director will be done to facilitate these accommodations.

The status of procuring a new vacuum cleaner for Camp Coch will be looked into.

IN A MOTION made by Al Torizzo, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to approve an appropriation from the Ground Maintenance account to purchase a new small lawn mower, up to \$300, for use at Camp Coch. Voted unanimous.

A discussion was held on overnight rentals at Camp Coch. A request has been made by the Boy Scouts to conduct a overnite camp out in the field (June 5th). In addition, a request has been made by AFS (American Field Service) of northwest Connecticut for a retreat to be held in the fall (September), 24 students. Both Don Patterson and Colleen Finn will discuss the rules, regulations and responsibilities with the Boy Scout Leaders.

IN A MOTION made by Don Patterson, seconded by Erin Hurlburt, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary