

Town of Goshen
RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 22, 2024

Present: Chairperson Nanci Howard, Vice Chair Sarah Leonard, Sue Breakell, Angela Rossbach, Patrick Lucas, and Recreation Director Erin Reilly. **Excused:** Garret Harlow

Call to order: Called to order by Chairperson Nanci Howard at 7:01 pm.

Secretary's Report: In a motion made by Angela Rossbach, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024. Patrick Lucas abstains, and the motion passed.

Financial Report: Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

G/L 4321-98 · Recreation Fees for July 2023-2024 was \$15,605.00 compared to a budget of 13,000.00.

G/L 4320-98 · Summer Camp Fees for July 2023-2024 was \$ 62,676.50 compared to a budget of \$ 64,000.00.

Total Revenues for July 2023-2024 is projected at \$78,381.50 compared to a budget of \$78,000.00.

G/L 5049-22 · Camp Lodge Maintenance for July 2023-2024 is \$7,128.18 compared to a budget of \$ 5,000.00. This is due to the continued need for maintenance and not having a dedicated employee.

G/L 5051-22 · Camp Supplies for July 2023-2024 is currently at \$ 3,750.97 compared to a budget of \$ 23,300.00 as most of the supplies have not been ordered yet. Lists are being assembled including OSHA items, and art supplies. Camp starts June 26.

G/L 5004-22 · Ice Skating Pond Maintenance is at \$125.00 compared to a budget of \$75.00. The overage is due to the purchase of shovels and safety signage.

Sue Breakell made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Patrick Lucas, and the motion passed unanimously.

Program Reports:

Kids Programs:

The Egg-fest was held on a rainy cold Saturday, March 23. Hosted approximately twenty children.

Archery for grades 2-5 runs March 22 - April 12. Six children participated.

There will be a half day program on May 1.

April 23- May 28 T-ball for PreK through 3rd. Eight pre-k children registered, five children for K1.

Adult Programs:

Volleyball ended; and had a great turnout all season.

The evening basketball ends on the last Tuesday in April.

Evening Yoga with Alyssa ends next Monday. Seven people registered.

Crystal Yoga on Thursday nights at Kobylenski Lodge. Flowing and Grow is a 4 week session started a couple weeks ago. The first sound bath session was done on Saturday with the next one on May 18, and once a month thereafter.

60+ Programs:

Thursday, April 18, to Riverside Reptiles in Enfield and lunch at Acapulco's. They had four attendees.

May 16 a visit to the CT Trolley Museum in East Windsor.

Family/Community Programs:

The brunch was last Saturday and was attended by thirty-five people, it is held every other month. The new volunteers were great, some were from Goshen Community Care and some residents. **How do we help Erin?**

Shane Kinsella run here on Saturday register at <https://goshenct.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?type=activities>

Summer concerts starts May 6th, with Wool Hats, at 6-8 pm partially sponsored by HTH Automatic Sprinkler. More great bands lined up. The Concert series will be published in the Goshen News.

Stained Glass with Sarah from Fragile Beauty on Friday May 10 from 6pm — 8:30 pm. Six attendees' last time.

In collaboration with Litchfield, Morris and Warren, there will be a Summer Beach Party for **Region 20 students** Saturday June 1 at Morris beach. It will have food trucks, face painting, an outdoor movie and more.

32nd annual fishing derby on Saturday May 11 at the pond on East Street North sponsored by Poppy's, Special thanks to Dan Kobylenski and Calvin Nodine students

On May 18 there will be a seasoned angler derby for 60+

Paint night with Christine in Kobylenski Lodge on Friday May 3, 6-8 pm. \$25 per person, the subject is a Hen.

Camp Coch Registration and Summer Day Camp Registration is open!

Other: None

Old Business: Camp Coch Day Camp

The hiring is going well, there is need for a sport counselor 18+, and a floater/per diem. Have lifeguards, one to be the waterfront director. Would like trades people to teach mini-sessions. A semi-permanent Benthick barrier can be placed at the right of the docks to prevent weeds and allow for kayak launching, cost is \$675.

Fiscal Year 2024 2025 budget discussion.

The budget shows a 14% increase overall. G/L 5002-22 · Camp Salaries and Wages increased to \$63,731 due to using CITs to fill both roles of CIT and Jr. CIT. The projected salary expenses were revised to ensure the Camp is properly staffed. This was reviewed with the Board of Selectmen on April 9, 2024.

Camp Supplies G/L 5055-22 increased to account for expenses being paid although the costs will be offset by the sponsors for Pizza, ice cream and supplies. Torrington bank is the sponsor for T-Ball with hats and shirts and also sponsor Pizza Fridays.

There are two Black Lotus trees on the grounds that look like they may need to be trimmed/removed at a cost of around \$2000 per tree. Discussion of how this should be budgeted for 2024-2025.

Patrick Lucas motioned to approve the budget and Sarah Leonard seconded, it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Opening of Lawn Mowing and Trimming RFP. Four bids were received for the once a month. mowing and trimming of Camp Coch and the skating rink area

Knox Property Services (Goshen) : \$250 per for trimming camp Coch area and \$100 per for skating rink area.

Mark Lokuta (Stamford) Trimming: \$923.77 per for trimming camp Coch area and \$833.98 per for skating rink area.

Jespersen landscape (Goshen): \$450 per for trimming camp Coch area and \$200 per for skating rink area.

HLC (Woodbury): \$850 per for trimming camp Coch area and \$325 per for skating rink area.

Erin Reilly will check the references for Knox Property Services and if acceptable will pass the recommendations and references to the Board of Selectmen.

Patrick Lucas made a motion to receive the bids and forward the Knox bid with Jespersen as a backup bid to the Board of Selectmen. Angela Rossbach seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

Adjournment: In a motion made by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Angela Rossbach, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m.