

Town of Goshen

RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 6, 2022

Present: Chairman, Don Patterson; Katie Hennessy, Recreation Director; Nanci Howard; Angela Rossbach; Sue Breakell; Patrick Lucas

Excused: Garret Harlow

Others: Selectman, Mark S. Harris; Todd M. Carusillo, First Selectman

1 Call to order: 7:07 p.m.

2. New Business:

- a. **Special Announcement:** Katie Hennessy read aloud her letter of resignation.
- b. **Programs and Special Events:** The Board packet included a list of the programs that were conducted by the Recreation Commission for 2022 and upcoming out to year's end.
- c. **Capital Projects:** The capital projects for 2022 were listed and each had a description of the current status of said project.
 - Pavilion
 - Shed
 - Surveillance System
 - ADA Compliant Art Building
 - Benthic Barriers
 - Electrical & Wi-Fi line run to bathroom building

d. Large Facility Maintenance Projects:

CT Water Testing compliance- properly sealed cap on well head to prevent coliform.

Shelving units in Camp Coch Lodge/Itemized organization of department supplies.

Auto-timed lock system on bathroom building (with emergency exit button).

Emergency Furnace Repair. **Purchased new water system for furnace -town owns it outright; no longer rented.*

Purchase of new water cooler in Lodge.

Water treatment system replacement – Tomascak Plumbing LLC.

Fire Safety/compliance- K Extinguisher, smoke alarms (in progress).

Bocce Court & Area Restoration.

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e. Camp Cochipianee 2022:

True line item amount: \$3,384.00 = only \$384.00 over budget.

Camp Lodge Maintenance:

Several unanticipated expenses occurred within fiscal year including:

- a. Furnace malfunction
- b. Water filtration malfunction
- c. Structural damage to bathroom building

Office Supplies:

MyRec software price increased.

Budget vs. Actual was reviewed by Commissioners.

f. Department Collaborations 2021-2022:

Goshen Public Library:

- a. Halloween Party
- b. Christmas Party
- c. Camp Programming

Boy Scouts:

- a. Holiday donation to aid children in need
- b. SMK Race
- c. Scout meetings/ceremonies

Goshen Congregational Church:

- a. Holiday Assistance Program

Shean K. Morehouse Fund:

- a. SMK Race
- b. Camp Cochipianne Scholarships

Garden Club:

- a. Collaborative exchange, building use for landscaping design

Conservation Commission & Goshen Land Trust:

- a. Collaborative Trail Grant

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Goshen Business Circle:

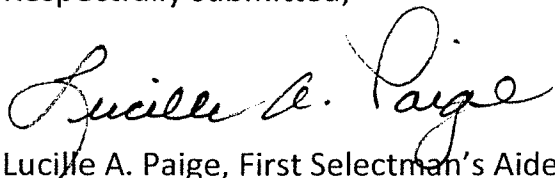
- a. Art Tour
- b. Marketing Efforts

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- a. Goshen Art Show

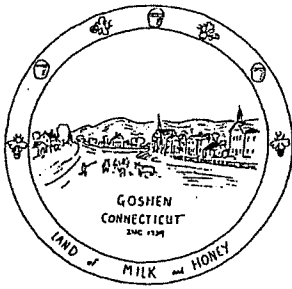
In a **motion** made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Susan Breakell, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Received June 8, 2022 9:11:04 P.M.
Attest Barbara Z. Bruen
Goshen Town Clerk



Goshen Park and Recreation

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May 30, 2022

Board of Selectman
Recreation Commission
Goshen, CT 06756

Re: Letter of Resignation

This month, I am transitioning into the federal sector and will be departing Goshen.

I needed to make a decision quickly, and know that the department will continue building upon the foundation we have worked hard to create together over the past year.

Before we review our plans for the upcoming weeks, I would first like to thank the staff of Goshen Town Hall, the Public Works department, the Recreation Commission and the Selectman for your big hearts and dedication to the town. There are so many different personalities who all share one thing in common, you love Goshen and work incredibly hard to ensure you do our very best.

I would also like to thank the families of Goshen. Over the past year I have been lucky enough to work with hundreds of kiddos, residents and business owners with immense love, and great sense of humor, many of whom have generously volunteered with me. From Boy Scouts and Local businesses to residents dressing up like Santa in an itchy beard or joining in our haunted house experiment there were always amazing people there to assist no matter what was needed.

I would also like to give a special thanks Earl Tyler for helping me to not only maintain camp Coch but for going above and beyond to ensure that the park and recreation department is something we can all be proud of.

It has been an honor to collaborate in different ways with groups such as the Goshen Public Library, the Boy Scouts, The SMK Fund, The Garden Club, Goshen land trust, Conservation commission, the Warren, Morris and Litchfield recreation departments and so many more.

To ensure a smooth transition, my assistant director and I have worked together to create a solid foundation for camp this season that includes all policies, procedures, supplies and schedules. All but one staff member has been hired and a detailed daily schedule ensures an organized program.

To ensure that our next recreation director is in the best position possible, I have completed all necessary contracts stretching to August as seen on our June 6, 2022 agenda. All contracts are cataloged in the Recreation Office.

Assistant Director Rachel Molyk has agreed to temporarily run the camp program this season. She is an experienced teacher and camp director who is highly organized and familiar with camp policies, child safety guidelines, recreational water safety and state guidelines. As Mrs. Molyk is a current employee and resident of the Town of Goshen, she will be an incredible asset.

If requested by the selectman, I am happy to continue running the department for the next few weeks to complete all staff training held on June 18th, June 23 and June 24. Friday, June 24 is the last day I will be available on site.

I would like to take this opportunity in special meeting to review our current department standing with the Selectman and Recreation Commission ensuring we can work together towards a smooth transition.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hennessy, CPRP

Town of Goshen - Park and Recreation Director