

TOWN OF GOSHEN

RECREATION COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting
APRIL 20, 2020**

RECORDED – ZOOM MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Dir.; Don Patterson, Chr.; Erin Reilly; Nanci Howard; Patrick Lucas; Sarah Leonard; Garret Harlow; Lucille A. Paige

Call to order: 7:01 p.m.

Secretary's Report: In a **motion** made by Erin Reilly, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 6, 2020. Voted unanimous.

Treasury Report: A review was made of the Income and expense report covering July 2019 – June 2020; Net income at this date is 71.33%, which was shown to be accurate. Capital spending will be addressed at a later date. The Board of Selectmen approved the submission of the budget. In a **motion** made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Sarah Leonard, the Treasury Report was **voted** approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

Programming Report:

Senior Kits: With reference to the minutes of April 6, 2020, the Senior Kits program was a great success. A huge “thank you” goes out to the item donors and delivery volunteers. Warren, Morris and Goshen Rec Depts will now join efforts and do an activity bag for the families to purchase for a nominal fee. Enclosed will be craft items such as birdhouses, seed packets, bracelets, etc. Moving forward, plans are being made for online “trivia nights”, jukebox bingo, etc. A “virtual” scavenger hunt was suggested as an ideas as well.

The Annual Fishing Derby has been cancelled for this year. We will hold a “virtual” fishing derby – prizes will be awarded for the cumulative length of the fish, the largest number of fish.

Camp Coch Summer Camp and Teen Adventure Camp: If summer camp does not happen, there will need to be an alternative to the regular summer camp. Kits can be put together with activities that will keep campers busy for 3 or 4 hours a day. We can zoom for the time with the arts and crafts, sports, wilderness and program counselors to go through the activity while the campers are at home.

Teen Adventure Camp: If places need to stay closed, but we can congregate in small numbers, there are other options for the TAC to do. Such as high ropes courses, outdoor hiking, Paddle Boards, state parks, rent paddle boards (\$20.per person), other rental type of activities, visit to Pratt Nature Center and other nature type facilities. Director Kinkade will place a sign near the Rotary announcing the Camp Coch announcing registration dates, sign-ups, etc.

Inasmuch as the Governor's Social Distancing orders are still in place and none of us know when it will be lifted, a discussion took place on how to handle the “standard” Camp Coch Summer Program. A few families have registered/paid for summer camp. Is a written “Policy” in order, if so, what should be included in this policy regarding refunds; or if a later date becomes open (due to the Governor's lifting of the Executive Order), what guidelines should be put in place, etc. In a motion made by Don Patterson, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was decided to create a fair “refund” policy in the case that summer camp is not allowed to be held. This is all dependent on what the Governor sets in executive orders for social distancing and groups congregating. If summer camp is not allowed to happen, parents who have already paid will be able to receive a full refund. If summer camp is allowed to happen and parents arbitrarily decide to not send their child after paying, a refund will not be in effect for them. Camp

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registration is open for the public and available with a \$0 deposit to hold the camper's spot until more information about the summer is available.

Old Business: Lawn RFP for new fiscal year. Director Kinkade has not pulled together all the needed Requirements/information and will place this item on next month's agenda.

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was **voted** to add Well Water at Camp Coch to New Business on the agenda. Voted unanimous.

New Business: Well Water at Camp Coch – Over and above the constant monitoring of the well, First Selectman Bob Valentine has requested a testing of the well water there. Tom Stansfield of the TAHD will be called to get information about levels for public water. Well services such as Grela will be asked to conduct testing and a report of the current condition along with any recommendations and submit this info to the Rec. Dept. In the interim, the water itself is being tested monthly and continues to be clean.

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was **voted** to add to the agenda Boy Scouts Honor Display. Voted unanimous.

Other Business: As a follow up from the meeting held in March, the following people got together to discuss the Boy Scouts' plaques inside the Camp Coch main meeting room. Don Patterson, Director Kinkade, John Krukar, Greg Mitchell, Bob Lowe, and Earle Tyler met and discussed how to properly display the Boys Scouts honors along with the Goshen community honors, i.e., American Legion. It was decided to build high-end display cases, placed on each side of the fireplace. Each to be designated to the Boy Scouts and Community Service.

Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Erin Reilly, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary