

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
April 1, 2021**

Present:

Members – Charles Biondo, Sheila Burke, Michael Burns and Laurie Robarge

Absent – Jennifer Crane

Also in Attendance – Recreation Director Karen Campbell, Senior Clerk, Linda Kanter,
and Sares Alambath

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes

The November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Charles Biondo; second by Mike Burns.

Director's Report: Karen Campbell reviewed the details of the Monthly Reports for November 2020 to March 2021.

Old Business:

Ice Rink – Indoor: During their March Zoom meeting, the committee heard a presentation from a company that upon a commitment of seven to eight acres of land, the company would build and manage a rink/multi-purpose athletic facility. A request to the town to identify possible sites, if any, was made.

New Business:

Meet and Greet: After seventeen years, Sheila Burke is stepping down. The members thanked her for her service. The Commission welcomed newly appointed Sares Alambath. He is active in the community and has volunteered for the Recreation Department.

Coronavirus Update: We are currently in Phase 4 Step 1 of the State's reopening plan. The Recreation Department has now been given permission to plan upcoming programs using school facilities. The Tiny Tots/Kids Club program will be divided between two locations in order to meet distancing guidelines.

Yentile – Spring Season began March 19: Based on the mild weather and lack of ground cover, Town facilities have opened.

Discussion/Questions:

Preparations to open Town Beach this year are underway, while anticipating limited capacity to meet social distancing requirements. Karen is monitoring guidelines, advertising for Lifeguards, and learning how local communities are devising protocols to safely open their facilities. An early edition of the Spring newsletter was released with a slate of youth and adult programs. This year, the opening of Playground registration was done by email blast and registration has been brisk.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 6, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Sheila Burke; second by Laurie Robarge.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter
Senior Clerk, Recreation