

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
June 3, 2021**

Present:

Members – Saresh Alambath, Charles Biondo, Michael Burns, Jennifer Crane, Laurie Robarge
Also in Attendance – Recreation Director Karen Campbell, and Senior Clerk, Linda Kanter

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes

The May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Charles Biondo; second by Jennifer Crane.

Director's Report: Karen Campbell reviewed the details of the Monthly Report for May 2021.

Old Business:

Ice Rink – Indoor: The committee continues to meet. There are plans to conduct a community survey with questions to assess interest, support, whether the focus of the committee should be a stand-alone rink or combined with a recreation center, among others.

Town Beach: There is a national shortage of lifeguards, and Wilmington is no exception. The beach will open on Saturday, June 12. Hours of operation this year will be 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., the reduced hours reflecting the shortage of qualified staff.

New Business:

ADA Compliance Efforts: The Open Space and Conservation Committee is working with the Wilmington Commission on Disabilities to address our older, grandfathered facilities that are at this time inaccessible. The Town will include modifications where possible, during maintenance, or when the facilities are updated.

“Business as Usual” – restrictions ended: The lifting of COVID-19 restrictions has resulted in increased foot traffic and requests for more programming. DESE recommends masks for programs held at school facilities through the summer. We are actively planning for our usual slate of programs through the rest of the year, and going forward.

Discussion/Questions:

Yentile rest rooms were opened on June 1. They will be open weekdays 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The Board of Health has begun weekly testing of the water at Silver Lake.

Interest in an indoor adult Badminton program was expressed.

Upcoming Rotary events were noted: The Ice Bucket Challenge on August 28 and Trivia Night on September 11.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Laurie Robarge; second by Charles Biondo.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter
Senior Clerk, Recreation