**Town of Wilmington**

**Recreation Commission**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**April 5, 2018**

**Present:**

Members - Charles Biondo, Sheila Burke, C. Michael Burns, Jennifer Crane and Laurie Robarge.

Also in Attendance - Recreation Director, Karen Campbell and Senior Clerk, Linda Kanter.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

The March 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Charles Biondo, second by Jennifer Crane.

**Director’s Report:**

Karen reviewed the details of the March 2018 Monthly Report.

**Old Business:**

Pickleball - The proposed Pickleball court at Town Hall is on the warrant for the annual Town Meeting. Feedback has been positive from the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee. This outdoor recreation project has prompted discussion on Social Media about other recreational activities that people would like to see in Wilmington.

Field Use Policy – The Field Use Policy presentation to the Board of Selectman scheduled for Monday, March 26 has been postponed due to the heavy agenda in preparation for Town Meeting. The new date has not been set.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Annual Egg Hunt was held on the Town Common on Saturday, March 31. Volunteers spread over 7,500 eggs for hundreds of children to collect. The Police Department provided the starting signal and safe access to the Common. The event was very well attended.

Finance Committee Presentation – Karen presented the Recreation Department’s proposed FY 2019 budget to the Finance Committee. Included was a DVD about Pickleball in preparation for the upcoming warrant article.

**New Business:**

MRPA Conference – Karen and Linda attended the annual conference, held this year in Falmouth. The workshops were found to be both relevant and informative.

Town Beach Safety Team – The idea for this new initiative came directly from the MRPA Conference. This team will be comprised of representatives from the Recreation Department, Police Department, Fire Department, DPW, Public Buildings and the Beach Supervisors. Recognizing the shared responsibility these departments have for the site, the goal is awareness of the role of each entity and coordination of activities to assure beach safety as much as possible.

Summer Activities Fair – Karen represented the department at this event at the Library on Wednesday, March 14.

Summer Employment – The Recreation Department is extending the application period for Playground Counselor positions due to a lack of response before the advertised deadline.

Yentile Concession Use – The Board discussed Yentile concession use in relation to the site use policy. Unlike other sports concession stands in Wilmington, this site is available for use by multiple entities at the same time limiting storage and access.

**Open Discussion:**

Charles Biondo requested that the Recreation Department consider a return trip to the Balloon Festival in Lake George, NY.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Charles Biondo, second by Sheila Burke.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter

Senior Clerk

Recreation Department