Town of Wilmington Recreation Commission Minutes of the Meeting February 2, 2023

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Members – Saresh Alambath, Ron Bento, Michael Burns, Jennifer Crane and Laurie Robarge Also in Attendance – Recreation Director Brett Sawin, and Senior Clerk, Marilyn Manos Absent –

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Minutes:

Present:

The December 1, 2022 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Laurie Robarge; second by Jennifer Crane.

Director's Report:

Brett reviewed the details of the Monthly Reports for December 2022 and January 2023.

Old Business:

Santa's Workshop: This was a very successful event with double the number of participants of last year. There was a total of 51 happy children who were able to share their lists with Santa.

Ice Rink: Brett attended the Ice Rink and Recreation Committee meeting on December 20. The committee has agreed to put together an RFI for the Glen Road site.

FY2024 Budget: Brett will be presenting the budget at the Finance Committee meeting tonight.

New Business:

All members present agreed to change the next Commission meeting to March 9.

Minimum Wage increase: As of January 1, minimum wage increased to \$15. This will affect our summer staff, but our major programs should be able to remain at the same price.

Upcoming Trips: Our Newport Playhouse Day Trip on March 22 is full. Other day trips with availability include Foxwoods on March 9, The Amante Experience on April 18, and Riding Through The Times on May 20. Tucson, April 23 – 28, is on with a total of 33 travelers.

Spring Newsletter: We are finalizing details and will release it soon! There will be many Spring and Summer programs for all ages, as well as more day trips and our last big overnight trip of the year.

Discussion/Questions:

Lifeguards: We have two applicants in but are always looking for more. This year we will be offering to cover the costs of the mandatory certification class if they chose to work at Silver Lake.

Winter Basketball: The season ends in February due to school vacations and Spring sports beginning. We can look into offering a weekday program in March for next year. Kevin Caira had presented the idea of having an Open Gym for high school students which is something we can look into as well.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Michael Burns; second by Laurie Robarge.

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Marilyn Manos Senior Clerk, Recreation