

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
June 1, 2023**

Present:

Members – Saresh Alambath, Ron Bento and Jennifer Crane

Also in Attendance – Recreation Director Brett Sawin, and Senior Clerk, Marilyn Manos

Absent – Michael Burns and Laurie Robarge

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

Minutes:

The May 4, 2023 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Jennifer Crane; second by Ron Bento.

Director's Report:

Brett reviewed the details of the Monthly Report for May 2023.

Old Business:

Ice Skating Rink: No updates at this time.

Summer program registrations: Programs are doing well. Playground and Tiny Tots are full. Some of our popular weekly programs, such as tennis, golf, and science classes all have good numbers so far.

Summer Staffing: This year we will have 18 on staff for Playground to accommodate the 270 children attending. There are a total of 7 Gate Attendants for the beach this year: 2 are returning from last summer and we have hired 5 more. Lifeguards are in a good spot at 14, but we will still take more.

New Business:

Fishing Derby: Despite the weather forecast for the weekend, the Fishing Derby will take place this Saturday, June 3 at Town Beach at Silver Lake.

New Trips: The New Hampshire Turkey Train day trip taking place in September is already full. Other trips include "Buddy and Elvis", Encore and Bally's Casino trips, Martha's Vineyard, and "Choctoberfest". Northern California is more than half full.

Police Beach Day: This event will be coming back this year on Thursday, August 3. It includes a barbeque, DJ, and games put on by the Playground staff.

Discussion/Questions:

Residents who attended our trip on the Indian Princess Cruise back in 2019 have expressed interest in going again, as well as looking for international travel soon.

There are many hiking trails in the town that could possibly be utilized for hiking programs for all ages. Brett recently explored the trails in the town forest that leads into Camp Forty Acres. It would be nice to use these spaces for an orienteering program and partner with the Boy and Girl Scouts in town.

The next meeting will be held on September 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Jennifer Crane;
second by Sares Alambath.

Marilyn Manos
Senior Clerk, Recreation