

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
October 6, 2022**

**Present:**

Members – Sares Alambath, Ronald Bento, Michael Burns, and Laurie Robarge

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

Absent – Jennifer Crane

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

Ron Bento was introduced as new Commissioner. He has taken Charlie Biondo's seat term.

**Minutes:**

The September 1, 2022 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Laurie Robarge; second by Sares Alambath.

**Director's Report:**

Brett reviewed the details of the Monthly Report for September 2022.

**Old Business:**

Ice Rink: Brett was sworn into the Committee to replace Karen. At the last meeting it was discussed that the owner of Ristuccia Arena expressed interest to build a second sheet of ice on his property. This is an ongoing conversation with all the possible town sites being considered.

Horribles Parade: We are seeking volunteers to help pass out candy on Sunday, October 30.

**New Business:**

Recreation Office Update: Derek Stemmler started, September 12<sup>th</sup> and it has been a great first week with Brett as new director. We are working on the next newsletter coming out early November and getting ready for winter and spring programs.

Upcoming Trips: Fall in the Finger Lakes is next week and two day trips are coming up; "Country Christmas and Veterans Show" on November 10, and "Christmas with Paul Anka" on December 8.

Santa's Workshop: Will be held Thursday, December 1 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Discussion/Questions:**

With Charlie Biondo's resignation from his Commission position, a new Vice Chair was appointed. Sares nominated Laurie, with a second by Mike, and Laurie accepted.

Laurie asked about any new visions for the department with Brett as director. He said we will keep things the same and continue to focus on quality programs and trips. He is certainly open to any new ideas.

Sares suggested looking into having community badminton courts since are currently going to Burlington to play. Either an "open gym" style or 6-week sessions may be possible.

Mike inquired about a possible Recreation Center taking the place of Town Hall with the new Town Hall and Senior Center projects already being discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Saresb Alambath; second by Laurie Robarge.

Marilyn Manos  
Senior Clerk, Recreation