

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
September 6, 2018**

Present:

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

Absent – Charles Biondo

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

The June 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Laurie Robarge, second by Sheila Burke.

Director's Report:

Karen Campbell reviewed the details of the June, July and August Monthly Reports.

Old Business:

New Business

The Fall 2018 edition of Recreation Matters was released in August.

Town Beach: Karen has started to explore avenues to secure lifeguards for the 2019 beach season.

Pickleball

Indoors: The Woburn Street Gym has been lined for the upcoming Pickleball program. Based on the suggestion of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, the gym floor will be striped for Pickleball when the floor is refinished next summer.

Outdoors: Construction of the outdoor courts at Town Hall is underway with an anticipated opening at the end of September. The decision was made by the Town Manager to include lights on the courts during the upgrade to the lights on the football field.

Alaska CruiseTour: There was a combined fifty-six travelers on this trip. Travelers could choose the cruise only or the cruise combined with a land tour.

Open Discussion

Discussion centered on Town Beach including the drowning that occurred on Wednesday, August 29. Sheila Burke suggested that the Town consider signage in Spanish to educate visitors about the facility. Commissioners asked how the dates of the beach season are decided. Karen explained that the season is based on lifeguard availability and typical attendance. While the beach is not staffed beginning mid-August, the facility remains open. Visitors are able to use the facility at no charge. There is signage alerting visitors that they use the facility at their own risk.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by C. Michael Burns, second by Jennifer Crane.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter

Senior Clerk, Recreation Department