

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
In-Person at Recreation Office, 555 Old Orchard Road  
February 10, 2022

**Present in Person:** Ed Casarella, Barbara Komins, Christine LaBranche, Christine Mickle (Director)

**Present on Zoom:** n/a

Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM.

Motion made by Barbara Komins to approve Jan. 13, 2022 minutes with edit\*\*; Christine LaBranche seconded.

\*\*On page 2 of minutes, under Old Business and CPC – last line should read “Open Space Committee is asking for \$500,00.00 a year to be able to buy land as it comes available without waiting for Town Meeting approval.” Minutes stated Conservation Commission instead of Open Space Committee.

**Correspondence:** n/a

**Appointments:** n/a

**Director’s Report:**

**Programs:** Winter after-school programs are finishing up next week – all have been very successful.

Spring programs have been advertised and registration has begun. Rec is staying with the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2-4 schedule. This has been working very well for staffing and allows us to get to evening programs. Next round will be Beach Club (K & 1<sup>st</sup>), Recess Club (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Outdoor Adventure Club (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>). These next club groups will begin after February break and will run for 7 weeks taking us right up to April vacation.

Youth basketball has been going well and our teams are doing well! All adult programs are all up and running with good numbers.

Rec will be partnering up with ECEC to run a 3-day full day vacation program – registration for this opened this morning. Rec is excited to work alongside ECEC and this will give them a good sense of when the programs merge.

**Events:** Rec held their “Make Valentine’s Day Cards” event this past Tuesday at the library. Lots of new faces at this event and it was great to see families coming out for this. Over forty people created cards!

No event planned for March – with it still just being 2 people in the department, we have a lot going on with basketball and afterschool.

In April we will bring back the egg hunt and earth day.

**Old Business:**

CPC: Ed gave an update on the requests that have come before the committee:

The Town withdrew their application to purchase the hotel – they will buy with other monies.

The Town's request to purchase the COA Thrift Store was approved by the committee.

Open Space's request for \$500,000.00 a year to be able to buy land as it becomes available without waiting for Town Meeting approval was tabled until the March 2<sup>nd</sup> CPC meeting.

ECEC Program: The Town has announced that it will be absorbing the program under the Recreation Department. This is exciting news for the department and will allow for expanded programs and childcare. Makes sense to do this now with a community center (hopefully!) in our future.

**New Business:** Office of the Inspector General offered a training class to towns. The Town of Eastham offered it out to board members. Unfortunately, no Recreation Commissioners were able to attend.

**Other Business:**

Christine M. presented the Commissioners with Strategic Plan metrics. These numbers were given to Lauren Barker as part of the Strategic Plan. Numbers show a slight decrease in Community Programs and Events and Christine M. explained that this was in large part due to COVID where the department could not offer programs like chess and checkers, volleyball or other family summer programs where equipment was shared. They also could not host events that encouraged large gatherings. Other numbers increased due to the amount of activity bags the department handed out during COVID and also as soon as Rec was allowed to resume programming in the fall of 2021 they did and children were eager to attend and regain some sort of normalcy!

Next meeting is set for March 16, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM, motion made by Christine LaBranche; seconded by Barbara Komins.