



Rec Commission Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2024
6:00PM

In attendance: Marlene Veloso, Joe Persechino, Cory Belden, Jon Fox, Richard Furber, Dyana Martin, Sue Ross, Stacy Krecklow

Regrets: Brett Mulvey

Guests: Joe Cummins, Joe Cummins Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm

Cory asked the committee to go over the minutes from the previous meeting, which was in January- there was no meeting in February. Joe Persechino made a motion to accept the minutes and Richard seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Cory then asked Joe Cummins if he had any questions for the board and Joe stated that he was there to listen and that he would make his comments at the end.

New Business: Cory gave a review of the deliberative session and the outcomes for the recreation department moving forward to the vote the following week.

Rec Commission vacancies: Cory brought up the nominations for the 2 committee member vacancies. He stated that Marlene and Brett both were seeking to be reappointed and that there were no other candidates. Cory made a motion to move Brett Mulvey's name forward to the Select Board for appointment, to fill one of the two vacancies on the board for three-year term. Joe Persechino seconded the motion, and it was unanimous. Cory then made a motion to move Marlene Veloso's name forward to the Select Board for appointment for the other three-year term position and Stacey seconded the motion. It was also unanimous. Joe Persechino then made a motion to nominate Cory Belden as the Chairman of the Recreation Commission, Jonathan Fox seconded the motion, and it was unanimous. Cory then made a motion to nominate Joe Persechino as the Vice Chairman and Richard Furber seconded the motion. It was also unanimous.

Dyana then gave a recap of the summer camps and events coming up. She stated that in the Summer HoRYEzons Day camp the numbers of attendants were great.

Week 1 30 campers, Week 2 19 campers, Week 3 40campers- WL 5, Week 5 40 campers-WL 5, Week 6 39 campers, Week 7 40 campers-WL 24, Week 8 40 campers.

Softball Camp August 12th – the recreation was finalizing the camp, and it should be out soon.

The Wave Teen Club- 18 participants

K-4 Golf 3, 4

Co-Rec Golf 1

Girls Basketball Camp gr. 6-8 4, gr. 3-5 0

Boys Basketball Camp gr. 6-8 0, gr. 3-5 3

Baseball Camp: Spring 0, Session 1 8, Session 2 4

Afterschool Voting Day 20

Pickleball Lessons- Waiting on North Hampton

Soccer Camp-we just put it all together- should be out soon

Volleyball Camp- 0

Easter Egg Dig: Dyana stated that the Easter Egg Dig is on March 23rd at 9:30 at Wallis Sands. All said that they could help bury eggs. Dyana also stated that she had received a donation from Lindt for 800 truffles so they would only need to purchase a few more and the four prizes for the golden egg winners.

At that point Cory called for any public comment as we had finished the general meeting. Joe Cummins stated that it was hard to vote for the budgets, he feels his family is not being served because there is no tennis court in Rye. He brought up the New Castle Court again and how he wanted to be able to use it as a resident. He stated that there are no communities in the seacoast area that do not have courts except for Rye. He then told us a story about a man that told him about a possible swap of land between conservation and recreation for the use of tennis courts. Joe Persechino then stated that we can't rehash was happened in 2003. Richard then stated that tennis is one of his passions, and it was one of the reasons that he wanted to be on the commission. He stated that has stepped up to Chair a fundraising subcommittee within the Recreation Commission in hopes of speeding up the process to get the parts of the master plan completed at an earlier date including the tennis courts that are in the plan.

After that discussion, Cory called for an adjournment, seconded by Richard, unanimous – the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.