



TOWN OF YARMOUTH

RECREATION COMMISSION

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Dorcas McGurrin, Chair
Josh Medeiros, Vice-Chair

Aimee Howell
Recreation Director

Meeting of the Recreation Commission

August 18, 2021

- In attendance: Steve Sozanski, Josh Medeiros, Deb Clark, Dennis Lucier, Paul Deignan
Director Howell
- Public: none
- Vice-Chairman Medeiros called the meeting to order @ 6:00PM
- Minutes from 5/12/2021 presented for approval and accepted.
- Report from Director Howell
 - Season started with 28 guards-lost 3-starting pay of \$14.50 bumped up to \$16/hour
 - Falmouth and Yarmouth have the lowest pay for guards
 - Heart attack at Seagull-CPR administered-did not survive
 - Added “no Lifeguards on Duty” signage to beaches where necessary
 - Lost three beach directors and guard instructor
 - Minimum age for guarding is 16-need to solicit guards at the high school
 - Gray’s beach had positive outcome with newly implemented changes this season
 - Suggestion to capitalize on the sunset crowd by charging for parking
 - Flax Pond filled every week(200 campers)-no covid outbreaks
 - 95% of staff vaccinated
 - incident with 4 campers “vaping”-no current rules against it-rules to be added
 - new dock system worked well
 - we own 4 AED and borrow 5 from DYRSD-possible budget item to eliminate borrowing
 - Sailing filled for all six weeks
 - Pickleball had 325 participants(Dennis had 600)-they now have their own Porta-John
 - Beach Soccer filled-Tennis ok
 - No current drone policy-motion to adopt rules similar to neighboring towns
 - No drone flying from town owned property without permit
 - Plans to change Fall Travel Basketball from under recreations umbrella
 - All other Travel organizations are independent of the Recreation Department
 - Fall activities- karate, running, lacross
- Director Armstrong’s salary was in the Recreation budget-It has been removed
 - Motion to invite Town Administrator to our next meeting to ask about the lost budget funds
 - Invitation letter to outline Commission’s concerns
 - 100K would have let the recreation department have an assistant
 - Every other town on Cape has an Assistant Recreation Director
 - Why does recreation have an “offset account” vs a “revolving account”?
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:12PM
- Next meeting on September 8, 2021 @ 6PM @ Town Hall