



**Walpole Recreation Committee  
Meeting Held on June 19, 2019  
Town Hall, Main Meeting Room - 5:30 p.m.  
30 Stone Street - Walpole, MA 02081**

**Recreation Committee**

***Regular Members***

**Present**

- Joseph Grant, *Chairman*
- Michael McGrath

**Not Present**

William Buckley, *Vice-Chairman*  
Annelise Fair  
Richard McCarthy

***Associate Members***

**Present**

- Lorraine Dundon\*
- Brad Hickey
- Jeffrey Hutnick
- Douglas Shea

**Not Present**

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\*Per Article VI, §B of the *Recreation Committee Policies & Procedures* - due to the absence of a quorum, Ms. Dundon was assigned voting power by Chairman Grant.

**Staff Present**

- Brendan Croak, *Recreation Director*

**Call to Order**

Chairman Grant called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

## **New Business**

### ***Pool Fees***

- Director Croak mentioned that due to the increase in minimum wage, lifeguard wages have increased. The Department raised the Seasonal Tag amount an additional \$5, while the family pass increased by \$15. This increase was to help cover the increase in payroll costs.
- There was a request from a resident for free pool passes for seniors. There was some discussion from the Committee, which included the exploration of additional programming.

On a motion made by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Ms. Dundon, the Committee voted 3-0-0 for the Recreation Department to continue charging a fee for senior residents.

### ***Recreation Committee Summer Meeting Schedule***

On a motion made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to suspend Recreation Committee meetings until September 11, 2019.

### ***Other***

- Chairman Grant wanted to bring a recent incident at the Recreation Department Office, involving Town Meeting Representative, William Carroll, to the attention of the Recreation Committee. Given the suspension of Recreation Committee meetings over the course of the summer, Chairman Grant made a motion to have a letter sent out to Mr. Carroll immediately, in hopes to dissuade such behavior in the future.

On a motion made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to request that a letter be sent from Town Administration to Mr. Carroll.

## **Old Business**

### ***A. Recreation Committee Reorganization***

- Reorganization of the Committee is supposed to take place each year on the first meeting after terms expire in March. However, due to the lack of a Recreation Committee meeting in April, and a low turnout of voting members at the May meeting, reorganization had been postponed until more voting members were present.
- Given the lack of voting members present at *this* meeting, Chairman Grant made a motion to postpone a vote until the September meeting. A substitute motion was then made by Mr. McGrath to vote on reorganization *tonight*.

On a motion made by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Ms. Dundon, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to vote on reorganization of the Recreation Committee at tonight's meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Ms. Dundon, the Committee voted 3-0-0 for Joseph Grant to remain as Chairman and for William Buckley to remain as Vice-Chairman.

## **Director's Report**

### ***Walpole Day***

- Director Croak gave a brief recap of Walpole Day, which took place on May 11, 2019. There was a stark change in the rainy weather from last year's event, which dramatically improved attendance. The Department ran out of Kidz Zone Bracelets for the first time in the history of the event, which indicated a greater number of families in attendance.
- One minor issue of note was that there were numerous children who became temporarily separated from their families. However, they were quickly reunited with due to the fast-acting efforts of Recreation staff members, in addition to members of the Walpole Police Department who were on-hand for community-policing efforts.
- Director Croak recognized all staff members and Committee members who were on-hand to assist.

### ***Pools***

- Director Croak noted that the pools were originally scheduled to open up on Saturday, June 22. However, there are some delays that the Department of Public Works is dealing with. This will, unfortunately, affect the opening date for both Center and South Pools. The Splash Pad will open on Saturday, as planned, pending positive results from the inspection by the Health Department on Friday, June 21.

### ***Public Swimming at Jarvis Farm***

- Hershman Pond at Jarvis Farm was inspected earlier in the week. Pending results from the sample taken on Monday, June 17, permit will be issued by the Health Department. *Unofficial* results that were received reflected that bacteria levels were compliant with state regulations. More signage to comply with state regulations will be installed prior to the start of the Walpole Woods program.
- There was some discussion about the maintenance of the pond, as well as the number of lifeguards needed for the pilot program. Director Croak referenced the proposal that was previously approved by multiple committees and boards in town, including the Recreation Committee.

## **Public Comment**

- None

## **Minutes**

- On a motion made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting.

## **Adjournment**

- On a motion made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Ms. Dundon, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.