

CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2018 6pm – Charlotte Town Hall

1.0 Meeting was called to order at 6:03PM Bill Fraser-Harris, Chair, Craig Reynolds, Rodney Centeno, Greg Smith, Heather Manning, Rich Ahrens and Jeff Giknis were present to create a quorum. Nicole Conley, Rec Director was also present.

2.0 Adjustments to Agenda

Move 5.3 Beach Attendant Hut to first order of business as Bud Shriner was present to discuss his concerns

3.0 Public Comments and Communication – None

4.0 July 12, 2018 Minutes of Meeting were presented and approved unanimously

5.0 Discussion/Action Items

5.3 Beach Attendant Hut – progress report

Bud Shriner was present to express his concerns with the new beach attendant hut. He feels the design is subpar. However, his largest concern is the placement of the hut as it negatively impacts the aesthetics of the beach area. He loves the minimalist footprint concept, the natural beauty of the beach area and is concerned with the sitelines to the lake.

Commissioners explained the process of how the design and structure came to be, using restricted amount of donated funds (and labor) from Shelburne-Charlotte-Hinesburg Rotary; process began well over one year ago. It was explained that the hut acted as a shelter for the attendants against inclement weather as well as was for storage of day to day items that previously were stored in the bath house and brought out each day for use. It was further explained that the most important purpose for the hut at the entrance of the beach parking lot was to give the attendants an appearance of authority. Commissioners strongly expressed the empowerment this structure provides the young people when they are asked to “enforce rules” of the park; especially with adults and with people wanting to bring in their dogs to the park.

Discussion was moved to where the structure could be placed in order to enhance the aesthetics / view but still serve the functional purpose. Moving to the southside of the entrance was suggested with positive response.

The hut is not yet completed thus the commission asked Bud to wait a bit longer to see the finish and Bud was asked to get involved with the project by design / draw-up a possible “positive” painting layout that would enhance the appearance. Bud agreed to do this.

The commission assured Mr. Shriner that the structure is intended to be moved when the beach closes for the season; this is the purpose of the building being “portable”.

Later in the meeting, Commissioners Fraser-Harris and Ahrens spoke to the progress of the beach attendant hut. The hope is that it will be completed this year. Roofing to be done in a couple of weeks. Approximately spent \$800 in materials to-date. Because of all the preparation that Rich has done prior to “work days”, 2 hours of work is like 6 hours of work – thanks given to Rich!

Introduction and Welcome of Jeff Giknis as new Recreation Commissioner

4.9 Whiskey Bay – update

Discussion at Selectboard meeting about possible “rules” for Whiskey Bay (following the concerns presented by Tonino family at 7/12/18 Rec meeting) were not agreeable. #1 Dog Ordinance changes were not accepted but rather it was recommended to use the Animal Control Officer as a resource instead. Callie, the animal control officer and Bill Fraser-Harris will wear vests and on occasion visit Whiskey Bay for possible infractions by dogs / dog owners. #2 The Selectboard did not wish to restrict access at Whiskey Bay to just Charlotters and #3 the Board did not like the idea of needing a beach pass to access this area. Many Thompson’s Point leaseholders rent their camps out week-

to-week and these renters wish to use the Whiskey Bay access (without needing passes).

5.0 Recreation Director – Report/Soccer Jamboree assignments

Soccer jamboree is September 22nd. This year there will be four food trucks – Wood-fired Pizza, Scoop, Mack sugar shack and Young VT. Food carts to pay participation fee of \$50 and then give 10% of sales. Nicole is looking for suggestions about placement of the four food trucks, after she receives their measurements so as to not have to take away any parking spaces in east lot. Rec commission responsible for water/Gatorade sales and baked goods sales.

5.1 Vice chair report – Pickleball/Tennis

Greg Smith reported that (16) players at last pickleball night. (2) nights have been requested for indoor pickleball at Charlotte Central School Multi-purpose room. Nicole has submitted the request with school secretary and is awaiting approval.

Greg gave up on organizing tennis and provided list of interested tennis players for those folks to do their own coordination for matches.

Greg reported that the (10) trees planted ^{three years ago} ~~this spring~~ at the beach are doing well. (7) Maples and (3) Sycamore. Greg has been watering them as needed this summer.

Greg is pleased with the Disc Golf usage. It has been a successful addition to the beach area. Every time he is down at the beach, he see this course being used.

Bill reported that the tennis courts will not be repaired this year. The repair company has guaranteed Charlotte beach courts are first on their list for next year. Bill reported that this company's quote/work is half the cost of others, so we really cannot afford not to use them. However, if the courts are not repaired in the first month of next year's tennis season (May 2019) then we will hire elsewhere. Noted that four consecutive days of above 60 degrees is required for successful repair.

5.2 Beach Party / Mozart Concerts – report

Bill reported that even with he postponement of the Beach Party from Saturday to Sunday, it was a great success. Bill did an excellent job of organizing this event. He did a superb job of getting the word out to the public about the postponement. Next year the rain date will appear on the flyers and other publicity.

Bill reported that the Mozart Concerts were successful. Beach revenues those Thursday evenings was up approximately \$200. Positive feedback reported.

5.4 Budget Planning –

Selectboard asked the Recreation Department to present preliminary budget at September 24th meeting. This is too early, Nicole will request a delay. Nicole will email her preliminary budget to commissioners for feedback. She is including \$30,000 funding of the Recreation Capital Fund as a budget line item rather than as a separate warned article. Nicole will email the commissioners 6/30/18 FY end budget report for review/questions.

Beach has raised approximately \$12,000 this summer, selling approximately 800 beach passes.

Request in her budget next year will include \$2,100 for online registration for recreation programs. This is a web-based software called MyRec.com.

6 Commissioners Comments / Other Business – None

7 Next Meeting(s) – PENDING

8.0 Meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM

Bill S. J. L.
10/9/18