

CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION.

Tuesday December 3, 2019, 6pm - Charlotte Town Hall - Regular Meeting -- Minutes

- 1.0 Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. Bill Fraser-Harris, Craig Reynolds, Rich Aherns, Christy Gallese, Bill Pence and Judy Hill were in attendance; with apologies from Greg Smith and Jeffrey Giknis. Bud Shriner was also in attendance. A quorum was present.
  - 2.0 Adjustments to Agenda - none
  - 3.0 Public Comments and Communication - none
  - 4.0 October minutes were approved with brush removal item noted as part of town mowing contract.
  - 5.0 Discussion/ Action Items
    - 5.1.1 Rec Director Update. Nicole was unable to attend meeting. She spoke with Bill Fraser-Harris prior to meeting with regards to event planning, etc see 5.2.1.  
Discussion of relationship between Commission and Rec Director followed:
      - Selectboard's role in supervision of Director, job performance review and oversight
      - Rec Directors performance is outside of Commissions purview
      - Commission's expectation of Director attendance at meetings along with regular update/ communication with commission
      - Queried if the working relationship and collaboration between Commission and Director was satisfactory
      - Nicole was acknowledged for her proficiency in running programs and administrative skills
    - 5.1.2 Commission decided to draft a statement to the Selectboard communicating the Commission's request for a clearer determination of the relationship between the Commission and the Director
    - 5.2.1 Event planning. Nicole drafted an extensive event policy to which many issues were discussed.
      - Liability involved with BYOB. Town insurance sanctions but does not recommend BYOB.
      - Event vs. everyday usage of town beach, emphasizing no exclusivity.
      - Who takes responsibility of event issues; Person requesting park use buys event rider insurance
      - Overall goal of offering beach as event venue? Is it income driven and for what purpose?
      - Priority is for town residents usage of beach with mandated public access.
      - What are the unintended consequences of improvements and offering beach as event venue?
      - Who would manage event? Rec Director, Rec Commission, an event manager?  
Consensus that it would be too much work for volunteer commission.
      - Does town even have events? Who approves events? Who supervises event?
      - Recreation event vs. resident event vs. private event? Music at the Beach would be a town sponsored event
    - 5.2.2 Commission decided to continue conversation at next meeting.
  - 5.3. Development of parking lot at beach was briefly discussed. It was suggested to look at beach property as blank canvas, to create a vision statement of what residents want, and establish goals. Beach survey was referenced to keeping green as is and not increase traffic too much.
  - 5.4. Election of Officers. Bill Fraser-Harris was re-elected as chairman and Greg Smith was re-elected vice-chair. Bill was recognized for serving on Commission for 18 years and for doing a great job.
- 6.0 Commissioner Comments/other business - Flooding of the skating rink has commenced with adding thin layers gradually to avoid pockets. Craig offered to help Bill and Ed Sulva with flooding.
  - 7.0 Next meeting Tuesday February 4 @ 6:00pm
  - 8.0 Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes approval signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Fraser-Harris, Chairperson