



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2023 6:00 P.M.

ELIHU THOMAS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: CAROLINA VELASQUEZ, DANIELLE STRAUSS (DIRECTOR), DAVID GRISHMAN (SELECT BOARD LIAISON), JACOB SIMON, TOM YOUNGER, WILL REARDON, JILL SUSARREY, JACKIE CAMERLENGO **MEMBERS**

ABSENT: JANELL CAMERON, JOHN ALLEN

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: NONE

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

B. NEW AND OLD BUSINESS (POSSIBLE ACTION/VOTES OF THE COMMISSION)

a. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Members briefly introduced themselves

b. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND SECRETARY

Votes were taken and the below officers were elected unanimously:

Jill Susarrey, Chair

Will Reardon, Vice-Chair

Jacob Simon, Secretary

c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members voted unanimously to approve minutes for the December 20, 2022 meeting as circulated, with a request to format as .doc or .pdf

d. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS AND GOALS

- Danielle reported re: next week's SMS ski trip, early release day for middle school, leaving earlier from school.
- Current programs: Running on Saturdays, golf (full), soccer for 2-5 year olds, tennis (almost full).
- Upcoming events/new ideas:
 - Park League – 6 weeks in summer at Hadley and Clarke, Clarke to offer Rain or Shine program with use of gym and extended day to 3:00 pm.
 - 6 new sailboats for return to adult sailing program.
 - 12 new paddleboats for summer program.
 - Eastern Yacht Club working with Swampscott for a three-day Regatta on the 1st weekend in August, 2023.
 - Father's Day event to be hosted by Swampscott Police Association.
 - Mother and son event, Improv Asylum on the first weekend in April.
 - St. Patrick's Day event, location TBD.
 - Options for a "fun run", such as a pirate and mermaid run to Harbor Fest.
 - Communicate with town of Newburyport for ideas on Taste of Swampscott.

- Fireworks items:

- Funding is recreation department obligation and is not sustainable without substantial fundraising initiatives.
- Short term, raise capital through fundraising (\$35,000 - \$40,000 for program in total).
- Long term, initiate steps to add program to town budget.

d. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Commission set a standing in-person meeting date of the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM.

Upon motion it was unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 7:44 P.M.

TRUE ATTEST,

Jacob Simon, Secretary, Recreation Commission

APPROVED BY THE SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION COMMISSION ON THIS DATE .