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Sharon Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting    March 13, 2024    6:30 PM

Present: M. Purdy, F. Handelman, R. Aakjar, M. Aakjar, M. Levengood, S. Eldridge, D. Christensen

Also Present: Doug Rick, Michael Nadeau

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: M/M Levengood/Handelman to accept the minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Comment/Correspondence- Mr. Rick and Mr. Nadeau attended the meeting to ask if Parks and Recreation would be interested in promoting the Nature Trail, located adjacent to the new solar panels at SCS, after it is rebuilt and planted. Maintenance would be overseen by the Town per Mr. Rick. Handelman asked for information to be sent to the Board members. There was no objection to the concept as it was described to the Board.

New Business: Board Vacancies: M/M M. Levengood/R. Aakjar to “nominate Donna Christensen as chairperson of the Sharon Parks and Recreation Board”. D. Christensen accepted and all voted in favor: M. Purdy, R. Aakjar, F. Handelman, M. Aakjar, M. Levengood, S. Eldridge.

M/M Handelman/Eldridge to “nominate Michael Levengood as vice chair of the Sharon Parks and Recreation Board”. M. Levengood accepted and all voted in favor: M. Purdy, R. Aakjar, F. Handelman, M. Aakjar, S. Eldridge, D. Christensen.

Old Business: Music Update: R. Aakjar reported that all of the bands are set for the upcoming season. Posters will be ordered close to May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow sponsors to have their donations sent in and then be included on the poster. The dates are Wednesdays beginning June 26<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Little Rascals- At this time the Sharon day Care and SCS are unable to take over or incorporate the Little Rascals program. Mette will advertise for a director, and if successful, staff as encouraged at the Selectmen budget workshop.

Budget Update: The budget meeting with the Selectmen was discussed. Related to the increased hours at the beach, the Board discussed a modest increase in user fees. M/M Levengood/Purdy to “accept the following changes to the Town Beach user fees as discussed”.

Regular Resident: \$ 30.00; Second Sticker: \$15.00; Senior: \$10.00; Non-Resident; \$150.00 & Caregiver: \$15.00 All other passes will remain the same.

Motion Carried. Voting yes- M. Purdy, F. Handelman, M. Levengood, S. Eldridge, D. Christensen. (R. Aakjar and M. Aakjar had left at that time).

Director’s Report- The Director’s report was discussed.

Adjournment- M/M Purdy/Christensen to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Christensen