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Sharon Parks and Recreation

MINUTES – NOV. 29TH '23

Attending : Matt Andrulis Mette, Michelle Purdy, Al Tortorella, Mike Levengood, Frank Handelman, Ray Aakjar, Marlena Aakjar, Scott Eldridge (prospective member)

Meeting called to order 6:33pm

Approval of minutes 10/11/23 minutes mmAl 2ndMike

Correspondence –

Discussion of omission of Donna Christensen's reappointment to Board and subsequent invite to selectmen's meeting to discuss her role as Board member and Chair. It was emphasized that as Chair Donna represents the voice of all the Board members and its Director and that everything she has said and done has had full support of the Board and Director. It was agreed that if possible when Donna meets with selectmen the available Board members and Director would attend in show of support.

Discussions:

Important issues facing PR – oversight of facilities, transitioning of programs to regional programming, growth in events and activities for older residents. Transportation a significant issue.

Addressing issues – respond to interests and needs of community, be proactive by offering activities and events in a timely manner.

Support – recognize the need for the selectmen to 'sell' ideas to residents, that PR does not have the capabilities that the town leadership does and we request that the BOF adhere to the five year plan they asked us to implement, recognizing that we merely have responsibility overseeing facilities, that the funding is not our decision.

Summer Program – discussed at some length the direction needed to consider the viability of a summer program, formally known as Little Rascals. We recognize the financial needs to attract staff who could implement a program that would be marketable to residents. We discussed the process to detail a plan and a curriculum to present to the town at budget time while not know if we would have the financial resources needed or the time to find staff for a program next summer.

Introduction of Scott Eldridge, prospective Board member. Motion to nominate Scott Eldridge to Board, mmAl 2ndRay all in favor

Adjournment – 7:56 mmMike 2ndMarlena Submitted : Matt Andrulis Mette 11/30/23