

Recreation Commission Remote Meeting  
Thursday, August 18, 2022  
8 – 9:30 am

Attending: Paul Cramer, John Lanza, Anthony Munchak & Laurance Stuntz

Staff: Matt Chin & Chad Norton

Guests: Beth Sullivan Woods (Select Board)

1. Call to order
2. Citizen speak : none
3. Minutes: Motion made by Laurance Stuntz to approve July 14, 2022 minutes as presented  
Second: John Lanza

All commissioners in attendance voted Yes:

Paul Cramer, John Lanza, Anthony Munchak & Laurance Stuntz

4. Morses Pond 2022:

Matt Chin informed the Commission that due to attrition & COVID there are not enough available lifeguards to staff the beach for the last scheduled week of the Pond season. Therefore, the Beach will be an unguarded beachfront for the remainder of the season as of August 21, 2022.

1. Extended season: Enough staff has been found to open and close the Turner Rd gate during the week and weekends through Labor Day weekend. Then the gate will be opened on weekends, weather permitting through September.
2. The Commissioners engaged in some discussion of revisiting a more permanent solution to allowing access through the gate and to the parking lot in the off season. Commissioners agreed to reach out to DPW, the NRC and to the town Police to better understand any concerns.

5. Summer Camp: Chad Norton reported that summer camp ends this week, August 19. Through our continued partnership, the Recreation Department and Wellesley Friendly Aid provided more than \$100,000 in scholarships for summer camp attendance.

6. FY 22 EOY: Matt Chin presented end the fiscal summary as of the End of Year for fiscal year FY 22. After \$50,000 was transferred to the scholarship fund, \$50,000 to Pond operations and \$30,000 to the Teen Center fund, a surplus of just over \$108,000 was returned to the Town's general fund.

7. Morses Pond project /PBC meeting: Discussion regarding the memo PBC sent to Recreation informing the Commission that the Morses Pond project would be pushed out another year. Beth Sullivan Woods informed the Commission that the Select Board discussed this project as they are interested in determining total cost and what the CPC and Town would be committing to. Paul Cramer would like to schedule a meeting with members from NRC, CPC, Selectboard & Recreation to discuss this added year. John Lanza stated that this project has a low cost relative to all the PBC projects. Laurance would like to look at what the savings could be between pre-fabricated buildings & the previous recommended design. Several Commissioners expressed a desire to ensure that the final designs for the buildings in the project be something that the Town of Wellesley can be proud of for the next 80 years.

8. Director's Report

Matt Chin informed the Commission that Fall registration will be starting in the next week and that for some holiday programming, the Recreation department will be looking to Commission members to assist.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Laurance Stuntz

Seconded by Anthony Munchak

All commissioners in attendance voted Yes:

Paul Cramer, John Lanza, Anthony Munchak & Laurance Stuntz