

**Town of Chester  
Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, March 25, 2019  
Municipal Complex  
Final Minutes**

**I. Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chairperson Trask called the meeting to order for the Town of Chester Recreation Commission (RC) at 7:36 pm.

**1.2 Roll Call**

RC members present:

Michelle Trask, Chairperson  
Kevin Kistler, Vice Chairperson  
Leslie Hammond  
Maria Oakley

RC members absent:

Kendra Kearney  
Melinda Mafera  
Jeremy Owens- BOS Liaison

Staff present:

Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

Others present:

NA

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Revisions: Line 64

Chair Trask made a motion to accept the March 11th, 2019 meeting minutes with revisions; Ms. Oakley seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Kistler and Ms. Hammond abstained...Motion approved 2-0-2.

**III. Reports**

**3.1 Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee**

Ms. Oakley shared information from the Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee meeting of March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**3.1(a) High Tunnel Rental:**

The Advisory Committee posted notices in the Tri-Town Times and the Chester NH Front Porch Chatter Facebook page with no emails received to date. She noted the High Tunnel Rental consists of the Greenhouse which needs cleaning out plus an acre of land in front of the greenhouse. They would like to get \$500.00 for the season.

**3.1(b) Workshops:**

Ms. Oakley continued noting some of the education classes and lectures discussed, such as:

- Late November wreath making class; nature journaling class;
- NH Beekeepers Association workshop or putting up an apiary on the field;
- "Urban gardens thinking outside the box". This would be a workshop with a demonstration of pruning lilacs.
- Part II of Edible Landscape;
- Lumber Chain;
- Farmers' market;

**3.1(c) Field Lease:**

Ms. Oakley let the Commission know that Mr. Dan Fornier wants to lease some fields for his cows. The Advisory Committee went on a field trip on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> to show him the land. Chair Trask asked about the revenue stream. Ms. Oakley said the Advisory Committee is currently setting up a fund to make money for Committee events. Mr. Fornier will be showing a business plan which will include his sweat equity. Chair Trask asked if Mr. Fornier had to go direct to the BOS and Ms. Oakley noted the first step is through the Advisory Committee.

**3.2 Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission – No update**

**IV. Old Business**

**4.1** Ms. Reishus noted she is drafting the annual report later this week and will send out draft to the commission prior to submittal on Monday.

**4.2** Vice-Chair Kistler noted the Basketball League met and talked about waiting until the end of year in order to create schedule based on November/December game scores. He said there was not a lot of representation other than Epping/Candia/Nottingham and Raymond. Chair Trask asked about Deerfield. Ms. Reishus responded there are not enough teams to split into a smaller town division.

**4.3** Ms. Reishus updated the Committee regarding Soccer program this spring. She noted we wouldn't drop porta potties on the town fields for baseball. They had paid for 2 months last year and we don't have a Baseball program. She continued that Wason Pond will have one regular and one handicap units on the playground before April school vacation and then will add additional units at the beach before Memorial Day. She will then look at the budget to see if we can add more porta potties on the fields.

**4.4** The Commission will continue working on the Recreation Goals 5/25-year plan as a working group and finalize at next meeting

**VI Comments**

None

**VII Adjournment**

Chair Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary,  
Ellyn Bresinger

**Next Scheduled Meeting – April 8th, 2019 @ 7:30 pm**