

**Town of Chester  
Recreation Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, April 7, 2020  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

**I. Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Vice Chair Trask called the Zoom teleconference meeting to order for the Town of Chester Recreation Commission (RC) at 7:08 PM.

**1.2 Roll Call**

**RC members present:**

Michelle Trask, Vice Chair  
Leslie Hammond  
Maria Oakley

**RC members absent:**

Kevin Kistler, Chair  
Kendra Kearney  
Jeremy Owens, BOS Liaison

**Staff present:**

Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The RC reviewed the minutes of February 10, 2020. Vice Chair Trask made a motion to accept the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes with revisions; Ms. Oakley seconded the motion. Motion approved, 3-0-0.

**III. Reports**

**3.1 Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee (SHFAC)**

Ms. Oakley reported that the High Tunnel Bid has been accepted and they were now looking for a grant. The SPHRAC is looking to rearrange the parking for the Fall Festival as the past parking area is now part of the lease.

**3.2 Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission (WPC&RC)**

Ms. Reishus reported that at the March 2, 2020 meeting a request to the road agent to move the dirt pile that was in front of the playground to the edge has been completed. Earth Day cleanup was

tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2020 which has now been canceled. There was a unanimous Motion via email on March 24, 2020 to close the Wason Pond Playground. The entrance to the Playground has been locked and signs posted.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### ***4.1 Recreation Commission Members and Appointments***

Ms. Reishus gave an update of the outstanding appointments. Ms. Mafera's term expired in December 2019 and she has not been reappointed by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Hammond needs to be sworn in by the Town Clerk as the second Recreation representative to the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission and will be able to do that on Thursday via current telephone authorization.

##### ***4.2 CIP/Impact Fees Pending Projects***

Ms. Reishus updated the Commission on pending projects. The MPR Sports Netting has been installed. The Picnic Tables delivery is on hold. The MPR Water Bottle Filling Station is progressing. Ouwerkerk Plumbing & Heating has removed the old bubbler and maintenance had Granite State Analytical test the water and has a plan in place. The next step will be the demolition of the wall.

#### **V. New Business**

##### ***5.1 COVID-19 Impact on Recreation Programming***

###### **(a) Fitness Programs**

Boot Camp and Senior Fitness will begin Zoom classes this week. Ms. Reishus reported that she is still working with the Yoga instructors and participants regarding options moving forward.

###### **(b) High School Basketball**

The last game and season end tournament have been canceled.

###### **(d) Futsal**

The last three sessions have been canceled and possibly will be postponed to Spring outdoors.

###### **(d) Field Hockey**

Currently scheduled for May to mid-June will be posted if needed. Seacoast United may not hold the season end tournament if the season is delayed but will continue to hold the clinic even if it goes into the summer season.

###### **(e) Summer Program**

The RC was supposed to have the walk thru of buildings in March. The initial plan was to have the trustees come out in May and tear up the Art Room floor and replace it. Ms. Reishus spoke with Maintenance last week and he will be reaching out to them over the next couple of weeks to see where everything stands. If the trustees are not able to come, this may turn into an in-house maintenance project this Spring

For Summer Program planning purposes, Ms. Reishus reported that she is still moving ahead as scheduled with the possibility of having a condensed program this year. Ms. Hammond discussed having a drop-dead date possibly end of May to call the program off. Ms. Oakley expressed her reluctance to hold the program coming out of this pandemic. Ms. Reishus recommended posting a shorter program now to run July 6 – August 7. Ms. Reishus also informed them that she will be attending a Zoom conference with other Recreation directors from New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association this week and hope to have some additional information on what other towns are planning. Agreement to keep the current registration open as is and to further discuss our options at the next RC meeting in May.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the RC will be meeting via Zoom teleconferencing on the second Tuesday of the month. The next RC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Vice Chair Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinna L. Reishus  
Recreation Director