

Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday July 14, 2022

5 pm

Hartford Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 5:04 pm by David Crocco (Vice Chair)

Commission Members in Attendance: Allison Childs, Nikki Boyle, Tom McCleary, Michael Vanasse, David Crocco

Commission Members Absent: Brett Mayfield,

Others in Attendance: Scott Hausler, Director, Mary Erdei, Selectboard Liaison

The May minutes were approved (no meeting in June).

Citizen Comments: Mary Erdei commented on successful pool Grand Opening.

Commission Member Comments: None

Discussion with Hartford Energy Commission: An email with attachment from Laura Simon was handed out to members. Attachment was for what more town could be doing to support local food and agriculture and thereby help reduce energy consumption and fight global warming.

Scott spoke of the request from Hartford Energy Commission to Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, etc., to submit a report on energy conservation activities.

A motion was made and seconded to accept above attachment as attachment to the July minutes for future consideration.

Scott spoke of Parks and Recreation collaboration with Resilient Hartford for planting trees at Clifford Park in West Hartford and for providing programming for education of children on energy conservation.

Mary Erdei asked if new trees growing in town forest will be tolerant of increased temperatures due to climate change. No answer provided.

Directors Report: Summer camp going well. Staff still being hired.

Chris Hamilton (Dartmouth Swimming coach) – Providing training in 1st aid, CPR, lifesaving, AED for certification of life guard pool staff.

Pool for camp kids in the am. Pool opens for the public at 2 pm.

Vincent Beckley certified pool operator is pool operator.

Swimmers from the Upper Valley Aquatics Center (UVAC) are at municipal pool 3 days/week (6-12 kids).

Scott reported 475 maximum capacities of people in the pool area: 300 on the deck and 175 in the pool.

Scott thinks with credits and few remaining constructions cost (punch list items) final construction bill overestimates should be close to zero.

Concerts on Wednesday nights on town stage are going well.

Quechee Balloon Fest, despite windy weather, was a success.

Old Business: None

Community Center: None

New Business: Tentatively, Park tour for commission members in September. Will discuss at August meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Motion to adjourn made and all accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Next Meeting Thursday August 8, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: Tom McCleary, Commission Secretary

Signed By: _____ Dated: _____

**Parks & Recreation Department
Significant Activity Report
June 27th, 2022
Respectfully Submitted By: Scott Hausler, Director**

Program and Park Highlights

- The pool facility has opened to the general public. We are planning a Grand Opening for July 7th with music, food, entertainment, and free swimming.
- The past week was busy with the Balloon Festival Parking for the Brian Hanson Scholarships. We raised close to \$10,000 for recreation program scholarships and memberships to the pool and arena for youth.
- Parks have been extremely busy with programs and special events such as the Cal Ripken State Tournament that will continue the weekend of June 25th at Maxfield.
- The Department was involved in the Hartford Community Coalition Block Party that was held on June 15th. The Department assists with the event as well as maintains an informational booth.
- Two concerts have concluded with good attendance. Jon Lackard played on June 15th and The Moonlighters played on June 22nd. Next up is Full House on June 28th.
- Summer Camp Ventures continues. We have completed 2 sessions of the program which is held at the Wendell A Barwood Arena and the Hartford Middle School.
- Department continues to work hard maintaining parks and sport facilities. The Upper Valley Nighthawks have started at Maxfield.
- Shout out to the Hartford Garden Friends for doing such an amazing job on all the gardens throughout the community.
- Held a Movie in the Park on Friday, June 24th with the showing of Ghostbusters Afterlife at Lyman Point Park.
- Programs that continue are Track and Field, Pickeball, Spring Youth Karate, and Home Decore.