

STAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday February 3, 2022

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**Members:** Chairman - Dave Bachiochi, Secretary - Becky Murphy, Harold Blake Hatch, Tom Topping, Todd Levesque, Richard Deary, Bill Utermarck

**Members Present:** Dave Bachiochi, Tom Topping, Richard Deary, Bill Utermarck

**Members Absent:** Harold Blake Hatch, Becky Murphy, Todd Levesque

**Recreation/Athletic Director:** Damian Frassinelli

**Guests:** Jim Tantillo

- 1.) **Call Meeting to Order** – Dave called the meeting to order at 6:40pm via Zoom. The number of board members present 4 constitutes a quorum (4 of 7).
- 2.) **Review and Accept Minutes from previous meeting** – On a motion by Dick, second by Bill and with no discussion the minutes from the December 2 meeting were approved.
- 3.) **Correspondence, letters & emails** –

Town of Stafford Quarterly Newsletter request: A draft newsletter submission for the Recreation commission was submitted for inclusion. The language was reviewed and accepted.

Passing of Commission member Barron Utter:

The commission would like to publicly recognize the many years of service of Barron Utter who passed away in late December. Barron served the youth of Stafford selflessly for years and the town of Stafford as a member of the Recreation Commission for more years. Barron was a first class human being, volunteer and parent who will be sorely missed.

4.) **Old Business** –

- a. **Olympic Field STEAP grant status** – No update. Initial steps are continuing.
- b. **ARPA Update** – Dave provided an update of the recreation projects associated with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) commission. The initiatives include: a) Recreation Department and recreation programming; b) Security Camera Surveillance for outdoor recreation venues; c) now permanent ice skating rinks at a location to be determined; d) new skateboard park; e) Fitness Trail apparatus. The commission has met four times now and is focused on creating a list of eligible project ideas for prioritization and scoping. Gathering input from the general public is a key requisite for decision making. The Recreation

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Commission reviewed the distribution of AED devices as a project for inclusion in the ARPA grants.

- c. **Major Improvements Priorities** – No update but additional detail to the AED devices project will be added to this living document.
- d. **Commission Membership** – We continue to seek and welcome additional members for the Recreation Commission. Several candidates will be approached in advance of next meeting. Candidates can apply for a commission position starting with the following link [Town of Stafford - CT - \\*\\*\\* Serve on a Stafford Board or Commission \\*\\*\\* \(staffordct.org\)](#)

**5.) New Business –**

- a. **Youth Sports Annual Metrics** – No update.
- b. **Update from Recreation Director** – Damian reported that youth recreation basketball has been playing in the gyms and following the mask protocols.
- c. **Get On Your Feet** – Time to resume this initiative but this item was tabled until next meeting.

**6.) Adjourn** – Motion: Dick moved to adjourn meeting.

Second: Tom seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous, and meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted

*Dave Bachiochi*

Dave Bachiochi for Becky Murphy, Secretary

2/4/2022

Date

*Dave Bachiochi*

Signature

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