

**WESTON RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2020, 7:00 PM**

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 modifying the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Recreation Commission, to ensure the safety of all participants, held its meeting remotely via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87822305656>, Meeting ID: 878 2230 5656.

Members Present: Melissa Crocker, Trevor MacDonald, Julie Johnstone, Maija Cirulis Gooch, Marcy Dorna, and Adam King

Absent: Eric Rosenthal

Staff: Chris Fitzgerald (Director), Sharon Locke (Assistant Director)

Resident Comments: Melissa Crocker stated that Weston has a dedicated group of pickleball players, and they would like the Recreation Commission to consider building permanent courts dedicated solely to pickleball play.

Melissa Crocker stated that Ms. Betsy Drew Boyd would like to run an intergenerational joint COA/Recreation Department Tai Chi class that would take place outdoors on the Field School Field. The class would be co-marketed by both departments and there would be no charge. Pre-registration would be required, and it would be limited to twenty-five participants.

Previous meeting minutes: The minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Introduction of new Recreation Commissioner Adam King. Also, congratulations to Ms. Maija Cirulis Gooch and Mr. Eric Rosenthal on their recent re-election to the recreation commission. Mr. King added that he was most interested in working on the pool renovations and gathering feedback on the pool and the importance of that.

Pool Renovation

Chris Fitzgerald

Ms. Crocker informed the commission that the Financial Committee stated and was under the impression that our master plan involved the building of a new indoor and outdoor pool.

Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Locke worked on writing a CPC application request for funding, please see the attached application. All parts of the renovation should be eligible for CPC funding. Currently the request is for design fees. September 21, 2020 is the deadline for the application for the fall town meeting. The application reflects the concept that does not include the bathhouse. Design fees are 10% of the entire project. The application deadline is September 21st, and the CPC requested that Recreation Commission present their request at the October 5, 2020 CPC. Ms. Crocker and Ms. Cirulis Gooch will attend the CPC meeting to present the application.

The Commission then discussed the application, suggesting editorial changes to strengthen the request, then proceeded to vote on its submission to CPC.

Motion: To submit an application to request \$250,000 in CPC funding for design fees for the Weston Memorial Pool Renovation.

Moved; Ms. Crocker, Second; Ms. Johnstone

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Crocker, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. Johnstone, Ms. Cirulis Gooch, Ms. Dorna and Mr. King voted in the affirmative. **Approved Unanimously.**

Charge for Pool Renovation Citizens Committee

Chris Fitzgerald

The Recreation Commission discussed a charge for the Citizen's Committee. It was decided that a Citizens' Committee would help with follow through, momentum, and to gather approval of votes from residents. Mr. King also pointed out that a citizens' committee is especially important for carrying out the public process and as a body it allows for diversity within the town and liaisons of all demographic areas. A draft of a Citizens' Committee charge was discussed. An official charge was not determined. Mr. King and Ms. Crocker agreed to help Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Locke finalize the charge for a future meeting.

General Updates

CPC Update

Marcy Dorna

Ms. Dorna reported that there has not been a CPC meeting since April, when they authorized Emergency Funds to residents of low income who were having trouble making their rent due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Prior to that in the March meeting funds were also transferred for emergency use due to the coronavirus and a large amount of the funds were used for the Josiah Smith Tavern. Currently CPC funding is being used for, Housing Survey, Affordable Home and Land Development Plan, Cemetery Conservation, and Housing Needs.

Fall Programming

Chris Fitzgerald

Fall Programming has been split into two 4-week sessions. This allows for more flexibility with changing regulations or another possible shut down. The Fall Program Brochure will be online only again allowing for last minute changes due to changing regulations. Also, badges are not currently being sold. There will be one price for fall programs as opposed to badge/non badge. Currently Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Locke are working with Rivers School to go over the new skating regulations. It looks promising that both Men's Hockey and skate lessons will be allowed to run but the programs still need approval from the Weston EMT as well as Rivers School. Plans are also being worked on for Swim Lesson and Adult Lap Swim. Once completed these plans will be submitted to the EMT as well as the school department.

9-11 Flag Event

Chris Fitzgerald

The 9-11 Flag Event went very well. It did take some extra work with all the Covid regulations, but the in-person event went extremely well even with the social distancing guidelines that were within place.

New Business

Ms. Cirulis Gooch has seen many discarded masks thrown along the rail trail and wanted to know who is responsible for the cleanup of these masks? Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the Weston Rail Trail Committee is looking into it because technically the cleanup falls on the DCR. Currently the Rail Trail Advisory Committee is considering soliciting volunteers for help.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 8th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm