

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center
Monday, November 13, 2023
7:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Barbara Lazzari called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Present and seated were Louise Concodello, Dave LeJeune, Kendra Montstream, Kim Irizarry and Sarah Stock.

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes – October 2, 2023

Louise Concodello made a motion to accept the minutes of October 2, 2023 as submitted. Kim Irizarry seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

4. Public Comments – limit of 3 minutes per comment

None

5. New Business

5.1 2024 Meeting Schedule

2024 Meeting Dates: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 11 and December 9.

Louise Concodello made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2024. Dave LeJeune seconded and all were in favor.

5.2 Balloons in Park

Ray Bull reported he researched surrounding towns and found the parks in East Hampton, Colchester and Hebron all limit balloons to table top decorations only. The Town

Louise Concodello made a motion to add to the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations for all Town Parks and Athletic Fields, under General Rules, Revise #9 to read: Glass containers and balloons of any kind are prohibited.

Kendra Montstream seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0-0

6. Old Business

6.1 Bath House Renovations

Barbara Lazzari reported she spoke with the Town Manager regarding putting the project out to bid in early spring. Also discussed the option of using town staff for some of the project.

6.2 Gathering on the Green

Barbara Lazzari reported they will be meeting with the Fire Department Wednesday to discuss the Gathering on the Green. The event is scheduled for December 2nd with a rain date December 3rd. The event will be advertised in the Rivereast News Bulletin. The tree will be lit when Santa gets off the fire truck. Discussed the need for a second table for hot chocolate. Parks and Recreation will have cookies available. Discussed parking options for the RHAM chorus bus. Kendra Montstream will coordinate getting the lights onto the tree.

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6.3 Memorial Benches

No update

7. Reports – Director’s Report

Fall programs are wrapping up and we are starting to look towards the winter. I have been working on our winter program list and will be finalizing it this week. I’m aiming to have our winter newsletter in the Rivereast by mid-December. Registration for winter programs will begin in December.

The annual Lion’s Club Masquerade run was held on Sunday, October 29th at Blish Park. Approximately 28 runners participated in this year’s event. The weather was rainy and cool, so the number of runners was less than years past. The race went off without any issues and costumes were great this year. Awards were given for the winning runners and for best costumes.

The first 6th grade dance of the year will be held on Friday, November 17th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. DJ Dale will once again be the DJ for the dance.

Pavilion rentals are done for the season. Public Works will be winterizing the bathrooms this week.

3 new orders for the 911 signs were also recently placed.

End of Director’s Report

8. Correspondence

No correspondence

9. Public Comments-Limit of 3 minutes per comment

No public comments

10. Adjournment

Sarah Stock made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM and Kendra Montstream seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk