

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center
Monday, December 11, 2023
7:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Barbara Lazzari called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM. Present and seated were Louise Concodello, Dave LeJeune and Kendra Montstream.

2. Additions to the Agenda

5.2 Parking Passes

Barbara Lazzari made a motion to add 5.2 Parking Passes to the agenda.
Louise Concodello seconded and all were in favor.

3. Acceptance of Minutes – November 13, 2023

Louise Concodello made a motion to accept the minutes of November 13, 2023 with a correction.

**Discussion: Under 5.2, second sentence, remove “The Town”
Kendra Montstream seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

4. Public Comments – limit of 3 minutes per comment

None

5. New Business

5.1 2024/2025 Budget

Barbara Lazzari reported funds were reduced for bathhouse renovations. The town is considering having Public Works perform some of the work.

Ray Bull noted the basketball hoops at Blish Park need replacement and he will obtain estimates.

5.2 Parking Passes

There was brief discussion regarding an option to install a license plate reader at Blish Park that would control the parking lot gate.

Barbara Lazzari noted the current Park / Transfer Station stickers have been in circulation for 12 years and need updating. Discussed ordering a new color. Discussed how to distribute to all residents without overburdening the town clerks' office. Ray Bull noted stickers are currently available at the Town Clerks office, Parks and Recreation office and the lake (in season). The commission discussed whether stickers could also be available at the transfer station.

Discussed whether there should be a charge for new stickers and members present agreed they should remain free.

The commission decided new stickers can be distributed at the Parks and Rec office, Transfer station and lake. Residents will be allowed up to 2 years to trade out their current stickers. This will alleviate a rush for all residents to obtain stickers at the same time/overwhelm office staff.

6. Old Business

6.1 Bath House Renovations

Discussed under 5.1

6.2 Gathering on the Green - Recap

Barbara Lazzari reported changing the event time line, lighting the tree earlier and having Santa light the tree was a success. Residents had time to take photos in front of the tree. The spotlights brought in by Mark Merritt

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helped light the green. The weather was perfect. Comments to consider for next year: purchase more cookies, have more trash cans and better sound system. Barbara Lazzari noted it was the largest crowd to date.

6.3 Memorial Benches

Tabled

7. Reports – Director’s Report

Ray Bull reported:

Registrations for winter programs began on December 18th. The newsletter was sent out to the printer last week. It will go in the Rivereast the week we get it back from the printer. We will be offering 23 programs and 5 trips this winter. All winter programs will start in January.

On Friday, December 15th our trip to the Radio City Musical Spectacular will be happening. We had 4 people sign up for the trip this time around. This trip is being run by My Fun Bus. We will continue to partner with them to offer trips in the spring once a list of offerings is sent to us from My Fun Bus.

Our first 6th grade dance was held on Friday, November 17th. Over 50 kids came out and enjoyed music, games and refreshments. DJ Dale was spinning the music for the dance and leading the kids in some fun group games for prizes. A good time was had by all who attended.

We are happy to offer Netto after school soccer for 5th and 6th graders. This will be the 42nd year of Netto soccer at MES. The season is scheduled to begin on January 8th. We have a great group of volunteer coaches from RHAM High School returning from last year.

The budget season is upon us and I will be working on next year’s budget in the coming weeks.

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

Kendra Montsteam made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM and Dave LeJeune seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting January 8, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk