



## TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2023 6:00 P.M.

ELIHU THOMAS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** CAROLINA VELASQUEZ, DANIELLE STRAUSS (DIRECTOR), DAVID GRISHMAN (SELECT BOARD LIAISON), JACOB SIMON, TOM YOUNGER, WILL REARDON, JILL SUSARREY, JACKIE CAMERLENGO **MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** JANELL CAMERON, JOHN ALLEN

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** NONE

### **A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **B. NEW AND OLD BUSINESS (POSSIBLE ACTION/VOTES OF THE COMMISSION)**

#### **a. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

Members briefly introduced themselves

#### **b. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND SECRETARY**

Votes were taken and the below officers were elected unanimously:

Jill Susarrey, Chair

Will Reardon, Vice-Chair

Jacob Simon, Secretary

#### **c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Members voted unanimously to approve minutes for the December 20, 2022 meeting as circulated, with a request to format as .doc or .pdf

#### **d. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS AND GOALS**

- Danielle reported re: next week's SMS ski trip, early release day for middle school, leaving earlier from school.
- Current programs: Running on Saturdays, golf (full), soccer for 2-5 year olds, tennis (almost full).
- Upcoming events/new ideas:
  - Park League – 6 weeks in summer at Hadley and Clarke, Clarke to offer Rain or Shine program with use of gym and extended day to 3:00 pm.
  - 6 new sailboats for return to adult sailing program.
  - 12 new paddleboats for summer program.
  - Eastern Yacht Club working with Swampscott for a three-day Regatta on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August, 2023.
  - Father's Day event to be hosted by Swampscott Police Association.
  - Mother and son event, Improv Asylum on the first weekend in April.
  - St. Patrick's Day event, location TBD.
  - Options for a "fun run", such as a pirate and mermaid run to Harbor Fest.
  - Communicate with town of Newburyport for ideas on Taste of Swampscott.

- Fireworks items:

- Funding is recreation department obligation and is not sustainable without substantial fundraising initiatives.
- Short term, raise capital through fundraising (\$35,000 - \$40,000 for program in total).
- Long term, initiate steps to add program to town budget.

**d. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The Commission set a standing in-person meeting date of the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM.

Upon motion it was unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 7:44 P.M.

TRUE ATTEST,

Jacob Simon, Secretary, Recreation Commission

APPROVED BY THE SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION COMMISSION ON THIS DATE .