



RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 6, 2024

7:00 PM

Remote Zoom Meeting

Present: Hema Santhanakrishnan (HS), Commissioner; Melissa Settapani-Rufo (MSR), Recreation Director; Steve Trimble (ST), Clerk; Joe Will (JW), Chair

Absent: David Martin (DM) Select Board Liaison

Public Attendees: Jeff Bergart

JW opened the meeting opened at 7:10 PM

I. Recreation Commission Regular Business

1. Review of meeting minutes from April 3rd, 2024. No comments raised. Minutes accepted as amended.
2. Residents' Concerns.

JW noted Kim Clark leaving for Stow; Community Garden management appears to be open.

3. Reports:

a) *Events, Programs, & Facilities*

a. Event Volunteers Needed per MSR

- i. Acton Pride Drag Show, Friday, June 14, 8-10pm.
- ii. Acton-Westford PRIDE Festival, Saturday, June 15, 12-3pm
- iii. Untold Stories of Our Region, Friday, June 21, 5-8:30pm
- iv. Independence Day Celebration, Thursday, July 4, 7-10pm
- v. Tusk – The World's #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, Friday, July 12, 8-10pm
- vi. Into the Floyd – The International Pink Floyd Tribute, Friday, July 19, 8-10:30pm
- vii. Who Are You? The Who Tribute, Friday, July 26, 8-10:30pm
- viii. Kids Concert Night featuring Mister Vic, Wednesday, July 31, 6-7pm
- ix. Kashmir – The Live Led Zeppelin Show, Friday, August 9, 8-10:30pm
- x. Foreigners Journey, Friday, August 16, 8-10:30pm
- xi. River of Dreams - A Tribute to Billy Joel, Friday, August 23, 8-10:30pm
- xii. Monsterbash, Friday, October 18, 6-8pm
- xiii. Nightmare at NARA: Haunted Trail Walk, Fridays and Saturdays in October. 7-9pm

b) *Community Preservation Act*

a) *Current Projects*

o *Gardner Playground Renovation*

- MSR noted changes were approved by the Historic District Commission to install all the changes (wall, sign, etc.).
- Corey is still leading this effort.

b) *2024 Projects*

- o MSR noted that she will not manage any projects going forward. Andrea Ristine and Mark Hald will run all projects as a central Capital Project office. The shade structure installation and disc golf would fall under this change. MSR will

submit priorities to them, and they will manage the design and construction. MSR would like to see pickleball courts (preferred site: Robbins Mill Recreation Area) and the original roofs replaced at NARA.

- Jones Shade Structure – no update
- Sports Plaza Shade Structure – no update
- Dog Park – The sewer funding gap was met and the project is clear to move ahead.

II. New/Special Business, Part II

4. Other Recreation Projects:
5. Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) – Kaila Sauer in Planning took over the leadership on this document with on Nora’s departure. MSR made a few requested updates and believes it will complete shortly.
6. NARA opened Memorial Day weekend for weekends only until June 24th. MSR reported she only has six lifeguards and would like to triple that number. Camp staff trainings begin this week.
7. Additional Business
 - a. Steve stays as CPC delegate and Clerk; Joe as Recreation Commission Chair.
 - b. HS is resigning from the Commission effective June 30. The Commission cannot meet until a new member is determined due to a lack of quorum.

ST motions to adjourn, HS seconded, all approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Upcoming Recreation Commission Meetings

Date	Time	Location
No July Meeting August 7, 2024	7:00 PM	Virtual (pending a new commissioner)