

RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 1-5-09

January 5th, 2009

Call To Order- 6:20 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Aiello, Taylor, Condon, Rusich , Hines (Director)

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Public Comment & Correspondence – Anthem Sports- This summer the rec Dept returned to Anthem Sports a backboard support that was purchased and not needed. A restocking fee of 20% was charged. We received a credit not a check. After credit is used in 2008-09 Director Hines will not buy from them in the future.

Meeting Minutes: November & December meetings minutes were read. Commissioner Aiello made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Commissioner Taylor seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Discussion again about background searches for all adults who coach in our programs or are involved in activities that supervise and have contact with North Stonington children. Director Hines will contact Trooper Vic Lender and see what would be the easiest method to use to contact a search.

New Business:

1. Bulk Mail Permit: Director Hines reported that Nick Mullane said that only the Rec Commission can use our permit. No other town commissions or groups.
2. Regarding a soccer clinic for our town's boys & girls ages 13-18 to be introduced by Joe Mendonca, Jr. Cost is \$85pp for seven weeks (Sundays-Wheeler Gymatorium). After discussion by commission members it was decided that this activity would be a good thing for our youth. Mr. Mendonca would be responsible for flyers, sign-up equipment and custodial costs. Commissioner Condon made a motion to support this clinic. Second by Commission Taylor. Motion Carried.
3. Update on Ice Skating Rink. Unfortunately Commissioner Walley could not be present (Work related emergency) to fill the commission in on the latest developments but did call Director Hines and said costs would be approx (\$4500.00) to complete this project. He will Email Hines all the particulars and he will forward such to the Commissioners. We hope to have this all completed by Feb1,2009. \$2500.00 was approved at our December meeting. Commissioner Rusich made a motion to approve an additional \$2000.00 to be funded by our Mashantucket recreation donation. Second by Commissioner Condon. Motion carried.
4. Hewitt Property Update. Commissioner Taylor attended the first meeting, which was a meet and greet session. Selectman Mullane basically said there is no money at this time to develop the property. The Rec Commission would like to see some soccer fields, Ice rink, hiking paths, cycling and horse paths developed. Commissioner Condon will contact Tim Bass to obtain information about the possibility of securing grants for these activities. Commissioner Taylor will keep the Commission informed .

5. Winter Activities update- Boys & Girls Rec basketball has 177 participants grades pre-K through 8. This year boys & Girls teams (Grades 5-7) will play games with the Christian Academy and the Stonington Como. Each team is scheduled to play four (4) games. Adult Power Yoga has 20 Participants. Big increase. Youth indoor soccer has 14 signups so far. Program begins at the end of February. Icky Sticky program has 6 participants. Max is 8. Adult Volleyball is full (20). Director Hines is pleased with the #'s participating.
6. Annual report- Director Hines read his annual report to the Commissioners. Some additions were suggested and included. Motion to accept the annual report by Commissioner Aiello. Second by Commissioner Rusich. Motion carried.
7. 2008-09 Recreation budget – Discussion of budget –It was reviewed and commissioners will wait to proceed until hearing if cuts to be made.

Motion to adjourn --8:08 Motion made by Commissioner Rusich. Second by Commissioner Aiello.
Motion carried

Next meeting: February 2, 2009