

NOV 22 2022

6:30 Convene Meeting

Attendees: Guy Bouche, Ken Mooney, Ted Mullen, Beth Bowman, Ken Hughes, Dianne O'Connell *LC HOGMA M of*

Guest: Ryan Davis from The Enterprise

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Minutes accepted from last meeting, Sept. 12, 2022

**Guy Bouche** new Cape and Islands representative to the Massachusetts Parks and Recreation Committee! Kudos!

**Adventure Playground:** Sandwich Women's Club worked on Letter of Intent for ARPA grant, however required information, such as at least three quotes for design and cost from various companies, did not arrive or were not complete. 1 quote is for \$500-600 K - does not include removal. Requests for these designs and estimates were asked for months ago. These playground companies currently have work, so writing proposals are not their priority. Rec. Dept. is currently completing playground upkeep. Pursue CPA funding.

**Programs:** Fall programs underway and doing well. Soccer: 300+ participants Tiny Tots (K, 1, and 2) successful. Girls grades 5 and 6 going well. Not enough interest from boys because they participate in other year round sports. Sports are no longer seasonal; they are year round. Many choices available. Other towns have similar stats. Lacrosse and Ice Hockey are the fastest growing sports in the country right now. Sandwich After School Programs doing well.

Adult Fitness Program greater than 50 members. Attracts drop-ins \$15. 10 class Punch cards and monthly passes available. AM and PM classes. People attend from all over. Mind Body App used. Benefit traveling – lets you know class schedules near you. Can attend anywhere.

**Parks and Facilities** Jonathan Nelson, School's Facility Director, after a long illness, passed away recently. He will be missed. He was easy to work with, productive and professional.

Productive meeting with Pickle Ball group. Possibly adjust Open Play schedule on some days 8 AM-1 (cooler morning hours) Need volunteer to open/close. Discussed installing a paddle rack in which players place their paddles indicating their place in line. Good idea. Courts used frequently. A lot of kids have been playing lately, too. Discussed ideas for winter and continued play. Nets must be taken down with snow. Sagging net ok for poles, but weakens net – sooner replacement. \$100-200/net. No one to continually put up and take down. Bringing own temporary net is not an option. SCAL - three indoor courts for residents only. Hope to open by first of year. Exploring new software for reservations and securing courts. Lights outdoors would be helpful for longer playing time in shoulder seasons. Perhaps there is a solar option for sports lighting? Lights are not in budget.

Cape Cod Disc Golf Tournament last weekend (in hurricane Ian's rain) 30 participants. Loved it.

BMX Track Adaptive BMX Day. Fabulous! Well attended. CCBMX and Spaulding provided adaptive bikes and personnel to demonstrate how to use equipment and assisted participants. Two Pro Riders with disabilities put on show at Skate Park that was great.

**Dexter Grist Mill/Hoxie House:** Grist Mill opened 4 days/week with 5 people working. 1 ½ Tons of corn ground and sold so far. Mill may need a few repairs. Hoxie House fully staffed and opened 7 days/week. No lead docent, but group worked with Tricia and Guy to learn history, write "script" and implement new ideas. Both close this weekend.

**SCAL:** video tour of the inside of the building available on Sandwich FB page and uTube. Basketball hoops recently installed. Public not to enter building. Construction ongoing.

**New Business:** New app for town Sandwich 311. Will expand. Currently connected to DPW. Can submit service request. Requests are tracked. May eventually include Animal Control, Beaches and Recreation Department rolled in. Recreation Department will seek an addition to the budget with capital expense for several future projects and needs: shade structures, replacements, equipment, repairs, miscellaneous, etc. Recreation is an economic driver. Investment is worth every cent. Enriches town. Builds Businesses.

7:30 Adjourn

Next Meeting Monday, November 14, 2022

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