

# WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

John Adamovich – Recreation Director

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RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 27, 2017

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Stan Gedansky, Robert Hill, David Lunt, Dwight Rowland, and Jane Shernow

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Christopher Burr-Bahner, Assistant Pool Director:

Board of Selectmen Liaison: Maria Kayne

Public: Michael and Linda Zeller

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm

- 1 Public Comments/Country Club Pool: **A)** Michael Zeller inquired about the status of the Country Club Pool and facility. Bob started out by explaining that at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting that it was announced that Anthony Taddei has resigned due to the uncertainty of the Country Club's future. Anthony will be involved in the transition process. Last year the Country Club went from 62 members to 171 members. The pool made \$8,800 profit. The pool was not in the Town's 2017 budget. It was approved by the Board of Selectmen last week, but the Board of Finance needs to approve it before the Pool Director's position can be advertised. One issue that needs to be addressed is the sprinkler system. Upstairs is a dry system, while downstairs is a wet system. The wet system would need to be extended to the swimmers grill area. That cost is \$9,000. Smoke detectors upstairs have a cost of \$1,900. The backwash system also needs to be addressed and that cost is \$23,000. Bob emailed Matt, Tony and Ellen that an email was going to be sent out to see if we have members support. Jim stated that as of the afternoon of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 40 members have said that they would return. No one had emailed saying that they would not return. Mr. Zeller inquired if Recreation could take over the area if it is not approved by the Board of Finance. That would not be in the Recreation budget, as also, the Recreation budget has been reduced \$22,000 so far during the next fiscal year. The land would go to open space by default. The Commission would like to see the pool have a profit \$15,000 to \$20,000 to justify future capital projects in the pool, like its resurfacing, and a new heater. The pool will break even with 151 memberships. There needs to be an estimated number of 100 members returning by March 6<sup>th</sup>, so the Commission can be responsible for its recommendation. 151 members had told Mr. Taddei that they would return, but this was before he announced that he was leaving. Bob inquired to Mr. Zeller, if Mr. Taddei returning or not returning would make a difference. Mr. Zeller explained that Anthony Taddei was great and did a great job, but trusts whom John Adamovich and the Pool Director Selection Committee chooses. **B)** More email blasts are suggested to go out on Wednesday, Friday, and Monday, and

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- also to see if Betsy will send it out in her weekly email blast. Bob thanks Maria Kayne for all of her hard work and support. Mr. Zeller added that the facility should not go to waste. It is a place where people get to congregate, and meet other people in a recreational environment. The Commission is looking to see if by March 6<sup>th</sup> there are 60% of memberships interested in returning. That is 100 memberships to make a positive recommendation to the Board of Finance. **Bob Hill made a motion that the Recreation Commission continue to support the Country Club Pool if there are 100 positive responses for membership by March 6, of the anticipated 150 to breakeven. Dwight Rowland seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** Bob appreciates the level of support.
- 2 Minutes: **Bob Hill made a motion to table the minutes of January 23, 2017, and February 16, 2016. David Lunt seconded the motion. All in favor.**
  - 3 Liaison Reports: Maria is very enthusiastic over the Country Club Pool, and the process of selecting the new Pool Director. Originally the committee would be comprised of Tony, John, Bob, and then Jane, but other Commission members have expressed interest in being part of the process. **Dwight Rowland made a motion to amend the motion made at the Special Meeting of February 16, 2017, to the Pool Director Selection Committee to be comprised of Tony, John, and members of the Recreation Commission that are committed to the interview process. Bob Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**
  - 4 Town Plan: no report
  - 5 Pool: Running well. Winter swim lessons have ended. Registration has begun for the spring. Jim explains how opening day of swim registration, that 7 registrations came in between 12:01 a.m. and 12:15 a.m., online.
  - 6 Personnel: Jenna Lu has successfully passed her background check, and national sex offender list. She will make the State of CT minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour. **Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve Jenna Lu as swim instructor. David Lunt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**
  - 7 Fitness Room: JCC members are no longer using the facility. The fitness Center costs \$32,000 for 2016-2017 season, and we collect \$2,500 in fees. The fitness members need to have a card with a number like the pool. All members must show their cards. The Fitness Center may need to go back to its original hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and then 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the evening Monday thru Friday. A savings of approximately 17 hours per week. The summer extended hours will be eliminated.
  - 8 Outdoor Facilities: **A. Walking Trails-** Bob reports that there are some areas on the Fitzgerald Walking trails that the stone dust is washed out. John will contact the Parks Dept. to repair accordingly. Also, there are potholes on the roadway heading to the Community Gardens. **B. Multi-Purpose Fields-** Closed for the season. The net is not up in the basketball area. **C. Skating Rink -** Currently closed. There were 19 days of skating this year. **D. Sports –** Recreation Winter sports are finishing up this week.
  - 9 Tennis Courts. Currently the nets are down.
  - 10 Financial – Director’s Reports, Budget Reports: Current expenses are at 68.9% and last year we were at 62.9%. 66.8% is where we should be. So, we are within 2 %. Current income is at \$111,979.02, 40.8%. The camp income collected before July is included in that figure. Last year we were at 102,226.32, 48.9%
  - 11 Programs: Registration is coming in for the Spring programs

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- 12 Correspondence: Stefany Schulz writes about a need for an ice rink for recreational use and a time and a place for ice hockey to be played. Bob suggests that this letter be forward to the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.
- 13 Policies and Procedures: David Lunt asks Jim if procedures are being followed. Jim explains how background checks are being performed and the sex offender list is being checked.
- 14 Other Business as may be added to the agenda by a 2/3 vote of the Commission:

**Dwight Rowland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.**