

# WOODBRIAGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, January 25, 2021

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## PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Mary Alvarado, Michael Helfenbain, Smith Mowry, Jane Shernow and Andrea Weinstein

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Theresa Bahner, Pool Director, and Christopher Bahner, Assistant Pool Director

Board of Selectmen Liaison: Mica Cardozo

Meeting Host: Jon DeMayo

Recorder: Jim Franco

1) Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

2) Public Comments: no public comments

3) Minutes: **Smith Mowry made a motion to approve the minutes from Monday, December 7, 2021. Mary Alvarado seconded the motion.** Under Pool, it should state "the Beecher Adaptive Swim Program". Under Outdoor Facilities, it should say John is monitoring the playgrounds to see that the masks rules and regulations of the Town are being followed. All voted in favor.

4) Liaison report: a) Mica announced that the Board of Selectmen approved the location of the tent. The Selectmen passed this information along to Brian Pine. Mica mentioned that they let the Land Trust know to follow protocol. John explained that it is a temporary structure with no impact on the environment. The tent covering would come down in 6 months, right after the Road Race. B) The Old Firehouse project will need some significant funding. The Senior Center is part of the package. This will need to go to referendum. Amity will not be using part of the Old Firehouse. They are currently having classes at Albertus Magnus. It is felt that since those students are around the same age, that it is best to stay at that location. The income would have helped to defer the cost of the construction. Andrea thanks Mica for his dedication, as he will not be running for re-election in May. He will be missed. John and the rest of the Commission also thanked Mica. Mica added that it was his pleasure. Andrea mentioned that Mica provided guidance and that it was a good collaboration. Andrea asked if there was any update on the gazebo. Mica reported that Adam did look into it, and that they are aware

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of the concern. Mica added that he is still trying to work on a color printer for the Department.

**5) Chairman's Report/Vice Chairman's report:** A) Andrea said Happy New Year to all. She said that vaccines are available and to stay safe. COVID has hit home for many people. She acknowledges Jon DeMayo, John Adamovich, Theresa Bahner, and Jim Franco, for providing programming. Theresa has worked hard. We have had camp, the pool, outdoor programs, and virtual programming, including yoga throughout. Indoor programs will be starting up. If the COVID numbers go up, we will need to pull back. Andrea thanks everyone involved. B) Smith announces his scavenger hunt idea for the spring. His son influenced him on the idea for the program. One goal is to get people outside. The other goal is to get more people to sign up for Rec. programs. Jim has some previous Road Race medals, that a sticker will be placed over them. They will be hidden at various locations around Town. The people that find them will return them to the Rec. Department for a prize. It will probably occur in March. Smith will have friends hide them, and then a map will be given to the Department. There will not be a GPS tracking system involved. Some medals will be easy to find, and some will be hard. Mica said that it was a great idea to get people on the trails. Andrea thanks Smith and his son for the idea.

**6) Pool:** Theresa reports that the pool is going great. There is a wait list on the weekend. We try to accommodate. We are complying with the rules. Everything is super clean. The Woodbridge Aquatic Club will start on Tuesday, weather permitting.

**7) Personnel:** none

**8) Former Country Club Tent update:** The tent will go adjacent to the playground, on blocks, at the Pease Road Athletic Facility. This new location will have no children walking through the parking lot. Summer Camp will be held under the tent, and on the fields at Pease Road. A trailer will house the Camp Office and another section will house the Nurses' Office. A doorway will separate them. The Office trailer will need to be run by a generator. The tent will go up on May 7<sup>th</sup> and remain up until after the Road Race in October. Nick Dottori will be the Camp Director, however, Beth Young will not be coming back as the Assistant Camp Director. She is a key component to camp. She will be missed. Camp will have 10 groups. If camp were to be held at Beecher, every room and every piece of equipment would have had to be cleaned after every group, each day. There will be no pool and no trips. The 6 fields, pavilion, basketball court, and tent will be used at Pease. Following camp, the facility will open to the public at 2 pm. If we need to cancel due to inclement weather, campers will be refunded for the day, or have a make-up day. Mica mentioned the idea of a seventh week for makeups. John-Michael will be in charge of security. He has his Fire/Police emergency radio. The tent will also be used as an outdoor classroom.

**9) Director's Report:**

**A) Fitness Center:** Currently closed. It is being used by the Police Department. They clean it after they use it. When the pandemic is over, the Fitness Center will reopen.

**B) Outdoor Facilities:** People must wear masks. John explained that he had Zach Young doing inspections at the fields. John Adamovich has also been visible at the Parks around Town to show that he is inspecting, too.

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C) Tennis Courts: Closed for the season. The nets are down. Next year, courts one and two will close on November 1, so that there will be enough time to install the skating rink. Adam does not have the crew to install the rink this year. John stated that Firemen would have volunteered, but there are worker's compensation issues, that they would not be permitted to do so.

D) Programs and Sports: Football is currently running outside. We are opening up with Tuesday and Thursday basketball. We will try to run gymnastics and basketball on Saturday. The entire gym will be cleaned. Spectators will not be allowed. We would like to expand the pool hours, but we are limited with the custodian hours. John mentioned that Brad has an add going out for a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday custodian. Andrea suggested to organize walks in the future.

E) Financial Report :. The current expenses are at \$133,328.66 41.4% Last year at this time, we were \$333,862.32 58.3%. Current income is \$44,748.18 36.5%. Income at this time last year was \$91,090.98. 37.7%. Summer Camp will have a big hit on income. We will be limited to only 100 campers. We are not overspending.

10) Policies and Procedures: none

11) Correspondence- Thank you letter from Amy & Dan Vatner for providing programs during the pandemic that have been creative and safe. Thank you letter from Human Services Director, Jeanette Glicksman for the \$500 donation from the Road Race account to the Food & Fuel Fund.

A) Field Requests. Jim explained that the field requests are the same as previous years. The only conflict is that Everson Soccer wanted Sundays at West River on April 11, and 18, 1-4 pm. Beth- Wood Baseball has it 1-4, on April 11, and April 18. Everson can start on April 25<sup>th</sup>. **With that change, Andrea Weinstein made a motion to approve the 2021 spring field requests pending alterations to COVID regulations. Smith Mowry seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

12) Other Business: none

Next meeting February 22, 2021 7:00 pm

13) **Andrea Weinstein made a motion to adjourn. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.**