

Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission

A G E N D A

Date 5/12/2022

Time 5:00 PM

**Sherman
Manning Aquatic
Facility**

- Call to Order
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Citizens Comments
- Commission Comments
- Tour of Pool
- Agenda Items for Next Rec Commission Meeting
- Adjournment



Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday April 07, 2022

5 pm

Hartford Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members in Attendance: Brett Mayfield, Tom McCleary, Michael Vanasse, Allison Childs, Nikki Boyle

Commission Members Absent: David Crocco

Others in Attendance: Mary Erdei, Selectboard Liaison, Scott Hausler, Director, Jon Bouton, Town of Hartford Conservation Commission member

Meeting called to order: 5:03 pm by Brett Mayfield

The March minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments: none

Commission Member Comments: Allison commented on how hard everyone in Recreation Department works and on Scott's praise for the Department's employee's hard work, in his director's summary.

Gate Opening – Kilowatt Field- Scott commented about calls received from folks on gate not being opened to road leading down to Kilowatt field. This gate is normally kept closed during winter months as Town does not plow and liability concerns. Folks, birders, inquired why gate could not be opened sooner then beginning of April, if snow is gone. Gate is not usually opened until boat launch is ready, but there is no set date for opening. Scott thought gate could be opened sooner, weather permitting.

Jon Bouton's Presentation on Town of Hartford's Tree Cut Plan

Jon Bouton member of the Town of Hartford's Conservation Commission provided overview of the plan for doing selective harvesting of trees in the town forest.

Best forestry practices for the health of the forest, better habitat for animals and birds, carbon sequestration, education and wood products for the community were all stressed (see Town Forest Management Plan).

Tree Board approves of the Tree Cut Plan.

Plan for tree cut has yet to be approved by Selectboard.

Old Business –

1. Discussion about use of the Departments Goals and Objectives Plan and Strategic Plan as a tool for improving the overall Recreational Department program. Scott cited pool project as example of how Plans used as a tool for Program improvement. In Strategic Plan, Strategy 1 (p.5): *Initiate participation in community needs survey*, pool project done partly in response to answers from a town wide survey.
2. Suggestion: A new group; Friends of Pool, like Friends of Barwood Arena, could be formed to support the new pool operations.
3. Scott reviewed the changes to the BOR, combining two locker rooms into one, etc., and reviewed remaining work to be done, upgrading of the HVAC system, etc.
4. Mike made a motion to accept the Strategic and Goals Strategies and Actions Plans. Allison seconded. All approved
5. Allison made a motion to accept the Program Plan 2022-2026, Tom seconded. All approved.
6. Scott briefly reviewed Proposed Plan for the summer.
 - a. VINS after school program.
 - b. Lego Club on Monday
7. A new position, Recreational Specialist has been approved and budgeted for. Specialist will run after school program and summer program. Position is currently being advertised for.
8. Pool project progresses. Pouring for concrete deck started 4/7/22.
Second week of June – projected pool opening date.
Ribbon cutting ceremony in July.
Scott getting word out that life guard positions are vacant, need filling. Contact made with Hartford HS track coach and others.
Pool Supervisor has been hired – Abby Roulliard
Shane and Jay both passed pool operator certification. Also, certified to do staff safety training.
Scott is working on update to Pool Management Operations manual.

New Business –

Comments on Community Center – none

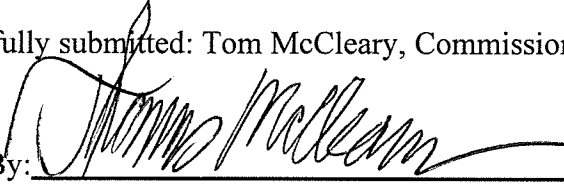
Motion to adjourn and all accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Next Meeting May 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: Tom McCleary, Commission Secretary

Signed By: _____



Dated: _____

