## HARWICH RECREATION & YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30pm GoToMeeting Credentials - Please join my meeting from your computer or tablet. <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/544343509</u>

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# AGENDA\*

## 1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the TOWN OF HARWICH Recreation & Youth Commission is being conducted via remote participation. <u>NO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u> <u>WILL BE PERMITTED</u>, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

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## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

# 3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

#### 4. RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE MATTERS

- Approval of Minutes from 9/8/20 & 10/13/20.
- Director's Report
- Budget Reports
- Chairman's Report
- Liaison Reports
  - Community Preservation Committee
  - Facilities Committee

#### 5. MISC CORRESPONDENCE:

• Email from Patrick Otton – Town Water Stations

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

- ♦ 2020 CPC Article Submission Final Vote
- Harwich Conservation Trust Support Letter

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- Outdoor Hands Free Water Refill Stations
- Next regular meeting to be posted for Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

# 8. OPEN SESSION\*\*

# 9. ADJOURN MEETING

Lee Ames	Date:	10/22/20	
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## HARWICH RECREATION & YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING DATE, TIME, & PLACE:	Tuesday Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 5:30 PM – Virtual Remote at GoToMeeting <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/997827245</u>
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	John Mahan, David Nixon, Michael Hurley, Frank Crowley and Vahan Khachadoorian
<b>RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Eric Beebe and Lee Ames
OTHERS PRESENT:	None

#### **RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE MATTERS:**

◆ Approval of Minutes 11/26/19 and 1/28/20.

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadoorian to approve the minutes of 11/26/19 as written; David Nixon seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor, 0 against.

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadoorian to approve the minutes of 1/28/20 as written; Michael Hurley seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor, 0 against.

#### Directors Report- Commission Meeting - 9/8/20, Virtual Meeting

- Summer 2020 We have had a good summer season so far considering the circumstances. We were not permitted to have our normal programming for playground camp, tennis lessons, swim lessons or kayak rentals but have had a full staff of beach personnel including lifeguards, gate attendants, beach supervisors, and corona virus compliance personnel.
- Summer Financials We are on pace to receive around \$65,000 in daily pass revenue this season which will be down from the \$77,000 last year. This is still a good number considering we did not sell day passes at Pleasant Road Beach or Earle Road Beach this year due to parking restrictions. We also had 1/3 of Red River Beach blocked off for much of the summer due to the piping plover presence. From all accounts sticker sales are on par with previous years or slightly higher.
- Fall 2020 I will be meeting with the Health Department Director on Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> to see what we will be allowed to do for fall programming this year. I expect it to be very limited based on school restrictions and transportation restrictions. I will update the commission further at the meeting. Eric met with Megan Eldredge about fall programing. She said there can be no transportation of kids in the vans but can walk them to the Cultural Center.
- Annual Town Meeting Annual Town Meeting will be held September 26<sup>th</sup> and we will CPC articles for vote in meeting for funding. Whitehouse Field Lighting Project and the Brooks Park Fencing Project which were both approved by the Community Preservation Committee this past winter. I met with a member of the Finance Committee to discuss our projects and what they entail.
- Summer Beaches I am trying to schedule an appointment with the Town Administrator to determine if he would like corona virus compliance personnel for the late summer season (post Labor Day) and if he would like gate attendants to charge parking admission for that part of the season to help supplement the financial loss of the past summer. Eric said he has received no response from Administration about keeping beaches open through the end of September.
- **Field Use** We have had several organizations using our fields in the late summer. We required permission from the Health Department from each organization as well as a detailed plan submitted for social distancing.

Property Maintenance Report - A current maintenance report was given to Commission Members.

Budget Reports - A current budget report was given to Commission Members.

### Chairman's Report -

 John Mahan told members that he heard concerns about dogs being on Potters and Sr. Memorial fields from DPW. Vahan Khachadoorian requested that the signs at the fields stating no dogs be re-located to new places where they may be more visible.

## Liaison Reports -

- Community Preservation Committee David Nixon.
  - David Nixon said that CPC is changing the deadline for FY22 Articles. He should have an update by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.
  - David requested more photos of the fencing for Sr. Memorial Field be submitted to CPC.
- Facilities Committee a new liaison has not been appointed yet as a replacement for Lee Culver.

## MISC CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Peter de Bakker Brooks Hollow Suggestions. Eric gave a synopsis to Commission members and they asked him to follow up with DPW and Lily Daniels and report back with findings.
- Thank you letter from Carolyn Carey for help on the HCC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. John thanked the Recreation Staff for such a great job.
- Email from Amy Usowski Sign at Brooks Park. *This sign was installed at the Harwich Community Center.*
- Email from Robert Smeltzer, After Prom Committee.
- Letter from Cape Cod Senior Softball League. Vahan Khachadoorian recused himself from this discussion.

A motion was made by Frank Crowley to approve the request from Cape Cod Senior Softball League for fee relief for the FY21 season from \$2000 to \$1500; David Nixon seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 Recuses.

- Letter from the Harwich Conservation Trust This letter seeks support and sponsorship on a CPC article request. John Mahan requests they be put on the 9/22/20 agenda. Eric is to reach out to Michael Lach for an invitation to next month's meeting.
- Letter from Pamela Vlahakis Brooks Park request. Commission members deferred to Eric for a little more information before approval.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- CPC Project Updates Commission members have concerns about open CPC projects, some of the projects have been open for 3 years or more. Commission requested the Director keep checking in with Administration and the Town Engineer on statuses and to send a detailed time line out to Commission members. Strategies were discussed to try to speed up this process.
- Brooks Tennis Courts, Repair of Cracks Frank Crowley received an estimate to repair and resurface the courts from Eastcoast Sealcoating Company of \$32,000. The second option was just repair of the cracks for \$9995. Option 3 is to use an acrylic filler at about \$86 per gallon which is very affordable and repairs could be done by DPW. The Commission requested Eric to speak with Chris Nickerson about this type of repair and email out his findings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2020 CPC Project Discussions Michael Hurley said he would like to see the Sand Pond revitalization as a priority. David Nixon said Sand Pond plus Sr. Memorial fencing. Vahan Khachadoorian said he would like to see more Pickleball courts at Brooks Park. Frank Crowley agreed with Vahan, more Pickleball courts and perhaps irrigation for the grass area around the courts plus benches there too. Eric thinks Sand Pond the Fencing projects should be a priority this year and we need to add a new storage shed and lifeguard stand to the master plan for Sand Pond. A kayak storage rack, designated nonmotorized launch area and some additional beach sand should be added to the site plan that was sent to CPC with the Article as well.
- Aid to Programs *Tabled until 9/22/20.*
- Commission Reappointment/Reorganization

John Mahan, Chairman appointed David Nixon as the Recreation Commission liaison to the Community Preservation Committee for an additional term.

John Mahan appointed Vahan Khachadoorian as the Recreation Commission liaison to Harwich Facilities Committee for one term.

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadoorian to nominate John Mahan as Commission Chair for another term; the motion was seconded by Michael Hurley. Vote is in favor, 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstains.

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadoorian to nominate Frank Crowley as Commission Vice-Chair for another term; the motion was seconded by David Nixon. Vote is in favor, 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstains.

A motion was made by David Nixon to nominate Vahan Khachadoorian as Commission Treasurer for another term; the motion was seconded by Michael Hurley. Vote is in favor, 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstains.

• Next regular meeting to be posted for Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

#### **OPEN SESSION:\***

- Vahan Khachadoorian wanted to share that the dugouts at Potters Field had been spray painted with graphic graffiti. Eric said he would send a request DPW to have it power washed.
- Frank said they also had graffiti at Brooks Park and to please add that area to the list of repairs. Frank suggested we have some surveillance put in on the new restroom and courts at Brooks Park if possible.
- John Mahan thanked members for embracing the new meeting technology.

#### ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadoorian to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm; Frank Crowley seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 5 in favor, 0 against.

Submitted by: Lee Ames, Executive Assistant Harwich Recreation & Youth Secretary to the Commission

### HARWICH RECREATION & YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING DATE, TIME, & PLACE:	Tuesday October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 5:30 PM - Virtual Remote at GoToMeeting <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/147258293</u>				
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	John Mahan, Michael Hurley, Frank Crowley, and John Larivee				
RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:	Eric Beebe and Lee Ames				
OTHERS PRESENT:	Michael Lach, Tom Evans and Nick Nelson				

#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

 Michael Lach and Tom Evans of Harwich Conservation Trust came to the Commission seeking support and sponsorship on a CPC Article request for ADA compliant walking trails through the Bank Street cranberry bogs. Michael Lach is the Director and Tom Evans the President of the local land trust with goals to preserve native lands enhance water quality for the Town's residents. Their goal is to create an all access walking trail that loop through the Bank St cranberry bogs beginning at the Harbormasters barn. They also want to create a secondary board walk loop. The have come seeking the Recreation and Youth Commission's support of the project through CPC. Michael Hurley asked what the cost of the first phase of the project would be. Michael Lach told him they want to have both trials complete at the same time to save money on the design plans, permitting and construction. The cost will run approximately \$150k for each section of trail for a total of \$300k for the entire project. The ADA portion of the trail breakdown is designing and plans are \$30k, construction would be approximately \$100k-\$120. They are also trying to raise funding for the eco restoration of the site. Michael Lach recommended that Commission members visit a similar site in Falmouth that has already been completed. He also said they would be willing to organize the trip for them if there are interested members.

#### **RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE MATTERS:**

◆ Approval of Minutes 9/8/20. – Postponed to 10/27

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- Fall Programming We are putting together a fall afterschool childcare program that will run from late September through December. This program is limited to 20 children per weekday according to the health department corona virus guidelines and regulations. The program will be held at the cultural center and will be specifically for families with parents working outside of the home that are in need of childcare during the corona virus crisis. As part of the Lower Cape Recreation League we are collectively looking into options for some kind of travel soccer season for youth as well.
- Brooks Tennis/Basketball Courts I have left messages for Chris Nickerson from the highway department regarding the option of acrylic sealer being applied by the highway department as a temporary fix for the cracks in the courts for the winter months. I have not gotten a response as of yet. I will update the Commission on any information I receive. The sealer has been ordered for repair of the tennis court cracks.

- **Potters Field Dugouts** I spoke with Brian Albee from the highway department regarding the graffiti inside the Potters Field dugouts and he said that he was going to take a look. I went down to take a look myself last Tuesday and it looks like all inappropriate graffiti has either been painted over or power washed. The only remaining graffiti inside both dugouts is "Good Luck Girls".
- 2020 Proposed CPC Projects I have requested an updated quote from Landmark Fence for the replacement of fencing at Senior Memorial Field and am awaiting a response. I am also actively looking into quotes for some of the amenities proposed for a potential phase 3 of the Sand Pond Rejuvenation project. If we do decide to incorporate phase 3 into our phase 2 request at Sand Pond, I will have the updated numbers for the application.
- Whitehouse Field I was alerted by DPW that someone used the field on Monday night 9/14 and left a huge mess of trash on and around the field as well as some vandalism of the inside of the porta-potty. We did not have anyone scheduled for that night and it was not one of our normal users of the field. I was told by DPW that the gates were locked but people may have gone in through the large gate along the outside parking lot that is closer to the football field. It was decided with DPW that they would start locking that gate as well to avoid more future potential vandalism/non-permitted use.
- Annual Town Meeting Just a reminder that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am outdoors on the school athletic field. I will be in attendance to answer any questions on our proposed projects if needed.
- CPC Project Update Meeting I will be meeting with the Community Preservation Committee on October 8<sup>th</sup> to give the bi-annual update on open CPC projects. They require a written report to be submitted in advance of the meeting. I will send this report out to Commission members as well when completed.

Property Maintenance Report - A current maintenance report was given to Commission Members.

Budget Reports - A current budget report was given to Commission Members.

#### Chairman's Report -

 John Mahan spoke to Brian Albee they will do the repairs at Brooks Park based on the weather in accordance with the material instructions. The courts will be closed for the season after the repairs are completed. They will also be re-grading the parking lots and returning the jersey barriers to their winter position. As well they plan to repair the broken bench located in the playground area.

#### Liaison Reports -

- Community Preservation Committee David Nixon did not attend the meeting.
- Facilities Committee Vahan Khachadoorian did not attend the meeting.

#### **MISC CORRESPONDENCE:**

• Email from Mike Hays, Harwich Town Band – Eric clarified their request for payment.

# OLD BUSINESS:

 CPC Project Submissions for 2020 – A. Sand Pond Rejuvenation Project \$83,500. B. Sr. Memorial Fencing Project \$40181.00. C. WHF Lighting Project is now \$100k short on funding as the Town Engineering Department has only just now finished the RFP for the project. D. Brooks Lighting Project is now \$125k additional short on funding for the same issue. Our four projects would have total CPC funding of \$348681.00 If the Commission supports the Harwich Conservation Trust project at the Bank Street bogs that would bring the Recreation total for requests to \$648,681.00.

- Frank Crowley would like to add another project to our list of CPC Articles. He has gotten quotes from O'Leary Irrigation to install irrigation to the grassy areas surrounding the court areas of Brooks Park. The quote includes installation of irrigation system, 120 yards of loam and hydro seeding for that area for a total of \$17,500. It would be another \$10k a well for the system, after adding a 15% contingency the project total would be \$31,625. Frank would also like to see some added trees and benches.
- Harwich Conservation Trust **See Public Presentations.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

• Next regular meeting to be posted for Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

#### **OPEN SESSION:**

- Frank Crowley told members that the Pickle Ball players have requested that a couple of courts be left open for the winter so if there is nice weather they can still play outside.
- Michael Hurley asked about the possibility of water fountains placed at Brooks Park freezing in the winter.

#### **ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion was made by Michael Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm; Frank Crowley seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 4 in favor, 0 against.

Submitted by: Lee Ames, Executive Assistant Harwich Recreation & Youth Secretary to the Commission

## **Directors Report-Commission Meeting 10/27/20**

**Fall Programming-** We have been running a daily after school child care program that currently has roughly 40 children enrolled. It is run out of the cultural center and includes activities like movies, homework, crafts, and any activities that we are permitted to do with social distancing protocol. We also have a field hockey clinic program that has been running behind the community center and currently has 24 sign ups. We have the following adult programs that are currently in progress: adult tennis, adult pickleball, and over 55 basketball.

**Winter Programming -** We are starting to look into what we will be able to offer safely for the winter programming season. We do plan to continue our afterschool childcare program.

**CPC Articles -** CPC article submission deadline is October 30- we will be voting final article submissions for 2020/21 at tonight's meeting.

**CPC Update Meeting -** I was scheduled to virtually attend a CPC update meeting on open articles and their progress last week. This meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. There has not been a rescheduled date posted as of yet.

**Community Center Halloween Party -** The Community Center will be hosting a "drive thru" Halloween Party on Friday October 30 at 4 or 5 separate locations around and within the building.

**Water Filling Stations CPC Article -** I received an email from Patrick Otton with an idea to install 3 water bottle filling stations around town now that the plastic water bottle ban has been approved at this year's Town Meeting. His proposal calls for filling stations at 3 locations including possibly Red River Beach, Brooks Park, and the bike trail at Headwaters Drive. He has the support of the Water Department and Director as well as the Chamber of Commerce. He is seeking the Recreation Commission support for a potential CPC Article submission. I have not received an in depth proposal as of yet, but I have included some materials in the packet for the commission's review.

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FW: Hands free water refill stations

From: patrick otton [mailto:p\_otton@yahoo.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:14 PM To: Eric Beebe <<u>ebeebe@town.harwich.ma.us</u>> Subject: Re: Hands free water refill stations

Hi Eric,

OK, will do. I am just beginning to work with Dan on his ideas for a bike path or possible Harwich port location(s).

Do you have any suggestions for locations within your areas of care? A beach? Or particular recreational area? Where would a hands-free water refill station best be utilized and benefit the most people?

Thank you for your ideas and input. Patrick.

Patrick Otton 617-244-2761 p\_otton@yahoo.com

On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 09:40:13 AM EDT, Eric Beebe <<u>ebeebe@town.harwich.ma.us</u>> wrote: Hi Patrick

In order to get support of the Recreation and Youth Commission, you would have to send me a detailed proposal for their review at their next commission meeting which is on October 27. You can email it to me and I can forward it to the appropriate people

Thanks, Eric Beebe Director Harwich Recreation Department 508 430 7552 ebeebe@town.harwich.ma.us

-----Original Message-----From: patrick otton [mailto:p\_otton@yahoo.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:38 AM To: patrick otton <p\_otton@yahoo.com>; Eric Beebe <<u>ebeebe@town.harwich.ma.us</u>>; Dan Pelletier <<u>dpelletier@harwichwater.com</u>>; Link Hooper <<u>lhooper@harwichdpw.com</u>> Subject: Hands free water refill stations

Eric, Link, Dan,

With your support I am thinking about submitting a proposal to the Community Preservation Committee, submission date October 30th, to purchase and install three outdoor hands free water refill stations on Town property. One each on recreational area, a beach area, and either on a bike path or woodlands area.

With the passage in 2019 of the Municipal plastic container ban and now in 2020 the passage of single use plastic bottle ban, effective September 2021, there is now the anticipated need for personal water bottle refill stations. What do you think?

Possible vendor is Elkay, making refill stations that are ADA, outdoor, non-refrigerated, non-filtered (Harwich's water does not need to be filtered), freeze resistant. Price range \$4,000 - \$8,000 depending on style, configuration, and options. Would you give me your ideas and feedback. And I will follow up with answers Or a draft proposal.

Thank you,

Patrick Otton Sent from my iPad

