

**Town of Wallingford
Recreation Committee Meeting
6:00PM – Tuesday, 5/3/22
Work Session Held at the Home of Jordan Jankus**

Committee Members Present:

Brian Ferguson, Chairman
Sumio Seo, Vice-Chairman
Jordan Jankus, Secretary

Guests in Attendance:

Mark Loseby, VP of the American Legion, Ralph H. Pickett Post #52
Gary Fredette of Wallingford

Agenda

- **4/12/22 Draft Minutes of the 4/12/22 Recreation Committee Meeting**
 - The 4/12/22 Draft Minutes were reviewed and approved without change.
- **Public Comments**
 - Gary Fredette stated that he was concerned about the state of the concession stand at Elfin Lake. Since his youth, he has enjoyed this town asset, but said it is in a state of disrepair. Since installing the garage door access in the building, navigating the interior space is difficult and makes access to the men's room area awkward. He also said that the ceiling is in a state of disrepair and needed work. Mr. Fredette strongly believes that upkeep of the facility is critical to the town's appeal and that funds should be appropriated to correct the disrepair, either from the Recreation budget or the Town Buildings fund.
 - The Recreation Committee thanked Mr. Fredette for his input and shared with him that once we have access to the building after the protective boards are removed, we'll make a full evaluation of its existing condition and consider plans for improving the concession stand and the lake area.
- **Final Memorial Parade Planning**
 - Mark Loseby from the American Legion provided us with an outline of plans for the Memorial Day Parade. Marchers will gather at the True Temper factory building at 9:45AM and the parade will begin at 10:00AM. They will be securing traffic control from the Sherriff's office and Mr. Loseby expressed concern that participants are safe both at the beginning of the parade and at the return from the cemetery after ceremonies there.

- Jordan offered to work with Julie Sharon on announcements in the newsletter and Front Porch Forum that would publicize the parade.
- **Long Trail Baseball funds for south ball field clay**
 - Brian reported that surplus funds may be available from a prior arrangement with a local community member.
- **Rec Center port-a-potty & potential second port-a-potty**
 - The condition of the sanitary facility at the Rec Center was questioned by Brian and he suggested we investigate this and consider arrangements for a second port-a-potty. *{Subsequent e-mail from the Town Administrator reported that she has contacted Hubbards about inspecting/cleaning the port-a-potty near the tennis court at the ballfield. She shared that at one time the Town did have two port-a-pottys down there, but after repeated vandalism and complete destruction of the one near the south fields, the Selectboard agreed to only one down there.}*

- **Elfin Lake Retaining Wall**

- The Recreation Committee discussed the need to shore up the retaining wall at the western side of the beach. There has been serious erosion of sand from rainfall streams. It was agreed by all that a long-term solution is needed.

- **Sand to repair beach**

- Sumio made a motion to purchase sand to help improve the Elfin Lake beach. Approximately 3 to 6 yards are needed. Recreation Committee members approved the motion.

- **Publish Elfin Lake Clean Up Date**

- The Recreation Committee agreed to two Saturday cleanup dates, 6/4/22 and 6/11/22, from 9AM – 12PM. This will hopefully maximize opportunities for volunteer participation. Jordan will publicize in Front Porch Forum, and we'll ask Sandi to post the volunteer request to the Town website.

- **Village Benches**

- It has been suggested that the Town install several benches along Main Street. Brian and Sumio talked about perhaps having benches crafted from marble scrap material, but they decided the foundation needed to support the bench weight would be prohibitive. Sumio suggested more conventional cast iron and wood type benches be considered. We might

solicit sponsorships for the cost of purchase and installation. The Recreation Committee will continue to investigate this proposal.

Other Business

- **New Recreation Committee Member**

- Morgan Over has expressed strong interest in becoming a member of our committee. Present Members of the Recreation Committee unanimously agreed to propose her appointment to the Selectboard.

- **Wallingford Day**

- Sumio attended a recent meeting of the Wallingford Day volunteer group and reported that they are looking for volunteers to help conduct more community activities on that day. Brian suggested that alternatives to the present Wallingford Day volunteer efforts be considered, relieving Town participation in supporting the event. Jordan shared that there had already been suggested that the Wallingford Day planning group become a subcommittee of the Recreation Committee, but that the Selectboard had not had the opportunity to approve that measure. It was agreed that at a future date, after this year's Wallingford Day, other ways to make Wallingford Day more effective and beneficial to the community be considered and proposed.

- **Ball Field Advertising**

- Brian suggested that we see if there more possibilities for sponsorship ads for the ballfield backstop. Jordan will follow-up with the Town on this item.

- **The Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30PM.**