

**Town of Wallingford
Wallingford Recreation Committee
6:30PM, Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Wallingford Town Hall**

Committee Members Present:

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

Guest In Attendance:

Morgan Over

- **Review/Approve May 3, 2022 Minutes.**
 - The draft minutes of the 5/3/22 Work Session Minutes were approved by the Committee with minor wordage changes.
- **Public Comments**
 - Morgan Over is active on the Town Conservation Committee and she's looking forward to also being formally appointed to the Recreation Committee at the Selectboard meeting on 5/16/22.
- **Final Memorial Parade Planning**
 - The American Legion Post appears to have everything arranged for the parade.
- **Long Trail Baseball funds for south ball field clay**
 - There are funds available in this account that could be used to improve the south ball field clay. Since the Little League season is coming to an end soon, the work will be done at some future date.
- **Rec Center Porta Potty, potential second porta potty**
 - A refurbished Porta Potty replaced the old one at the Rec Center. The only thing not included was the hand sanitizer pump which has been stolen several times in the past. The feasibility of having a second Porta Potty is in question due to due to past vandalism incidents.

- **Access and assess Elfin Lake concession building**

- The protective boards were being removed on Wednesday, 5/11 and we will assess the condition of the facility. (*Subsequent to this meeting, Jordan visited the building on 5/12/22 and an inspection showed that the facility was in better condition than anticipated. Sumio also visited the facility on 5/13/22 with Gary Fredette and he is developing some designs to improve the facility that we will review at our next Recreation Committee meeting*).

- **Elfin Lake Retaining Wall and Sand to Repair Beach**

- At our 5/3/22 Recreating Committee work session, the committee decided that we should purchase sand to replace the erosion at the beach and look at long-term solutions to repair the retaining wall. (***Based on our subsequent 5/12/22 discussions with members of the Conservation Committee, we will not be purchasing replacement sand for the beach this year, as was approved at our 5/3/22 meeting. The Conservation Committee urged us to hold off on additional sand as that has been the short-term solution by the Rec Committee over the years, which just results in the new sand washing into the lake, adding to the already large plume of sand in the lake. The Conservation Committee is applying for a grant to fund the design of alternatives to the present beach to fix hydrology issues, access, shade, boat docking, etc. If the grant application is approved, a design consultant will work with the townspeople on design proposals. Once a design is agreed upon, then a grant would be sought to fund implementation of the design at some future date. As part of our beach clean-up day on 6/4 & 6/11, volunteers will work on smoothing out the existing beach sand***).

- **Publish Elfin Lake Clean Up Date**

- Jordan will publicize (town Newsletter, Town website and FPF) the clean-up days on 6/4/22 and 6/11/22, from 9AM to 12PM. Volunteers will be asked to bring rakes and other implements to help with the work.

- **Village Benches**

- The Town plans to add several benches around the town for its citizenry to use. They're working with the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center of West Rutland to offer teens the chance to carve and build a stone bench.

Jordan shared a picture of benches that had been installed in Rutland, designed by the Chaffee Art Center and sponsored by such organizations as Spring Lake Ranch.

- **Other Business**

- A Wallingford resident, Tom Downey, has generously offered make a donation to the town to pay for new basketball backboards at the Rec area. We just have to work on the logistics of making this happen.
- Morgan Over offered to design and print warning signs that the Rec Center and beach facilities are being monitored as an effort to prevent vandalism.
- The Rec Committee unanimously passed this motion last night:

“We propose that the Wallingford Day Planning Group will become a subcommittee of the Town of Wallingford Recreation Committee immediately and throughout the Town of Wallingford 2023 Fiscal Year.”

This satisfies the position of a Recreation Committee member who wants to consider alternative structures to the present arrangement at some future date.

- The Recreation Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM.

Minutes prepared by Jordan Jankus, Recreation Committee Secretary.