

MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – December 18, 2023

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023

Commission Members Present: John Langmaid, Mario DiLoreto, Leo Colgan, Ellen Saunig, Luther Weeks
Absent: Jessica Wallace

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation

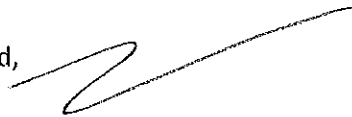
The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**
 - **Election of Officers**
 - Motion made by Luther, seconded by Ellen to elect John Langmaid as Chairman- passed unanimously. Motion made by Leo Colgan, seconded by Ellen to elect Mario DiLoreto as Vice Chairman- passed unanimously.
- **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - NONE
- **MINUTES OF THE November 13, 2023, REGULAR MEETING** were approved unanimously.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - Lisa advised that Corey Turner was the liaison to the Great Pond Preserve Stewardship Committee. She reviewed the roles and expectations of that position and is looking for someone to step into that role.
- **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Lisa provided information on the following:
 - **Program Updates-**
 - Santa's Run had 436 runners. A great turnout despite the heavy rain. This year, for the first time since COVID, the gym was used for indoor activities including on-site registrations, costume division, shirt sales, and pre-registered runner bib pick-up.
 - Camp Sunrise Holiday Party was held on Sunday, December 10th. Over 150 Camp Sunrise campers and their family members attended. The event was sponsored by the Elks Club. The Elks club members purchased gifts for the Camp Sunrise campers in attendance.
 - The USAAG Invitational Gymnastics meet was held on Friday, December 8th- Sunday, December 10th in the Academy Building. Over 500 gymnasts/ spectators came through the building over the course of the weekend.
 - Paint Night was held on Friday, December 15th with a total of 21 painters.
 - Received and responded to over 200 Holiday letters, all with individual handwritten responses.
 - Swim Team Programs, both recreation, and USA, are heavily into their meet season. Both programs are going very smoothly. We have a great group of dedicated parents offering tons of support.
 - Lifeguard training courses will be offered in January and April. Keeping with the trend of reimbursing students if hired by the Town.
 - The Holiday House contest had 13 houses entered. A special thank you to Ellen Saunig, Corey Turner, and Jen Wang, for judging this year's contest.

- The 2023 Holiday Pet Photo contest has 22 submissions. All submissions are available online through Facebook. Voting is open now through December 22 at 8:00 A.M. A special thank you to K9 Care for their generous donations of first, second, and third place. To date, there are 717 votes cast.
 - GBA is in full swing with travel and recreation leagues fully underway.
 - Kids Night Out continues to be a popular program, we had our biggest program ever this December with 36 kids registered.
 - Winter/ Spring registration was held on December 12th. 2,315 registrations were taken on the first day.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - **Little League Project-** Lisa advised that Little League is still actively fundraising for the project. The Town is researching energy incentives.
 - **Budget-** The budget dates are as follows: CIP Program- January 17th AND January 18th at the Riverfront Community Center- 6 PM. General Fund Budget Workshops will be held on February 27th, February 29, and March 4th. At the January meeting, the Recreation Commission will review and vote to approve the schedule of fees and charges for both the Recreation Activity Fund and those fees assigned to the General Fund.
 - **Center Green Improvements-** The Recreation Commission reviewed the concept plan and gave a favorable response. On December 19th, Lisa and Dan Pennington, the Town Engineer, will be attending the Architectural and Site Design Review Committee to get input from the ASDRC. Lisa will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
 - **Open Space Management Plan-** Lisa advised that the draft plan is expected in January from GZA. Community Development will send the draft plan to their Commission for review.
 - **Cotton Hollow Mill-** John Reviewed Cotton Hollow Preserve and the history of the Town purchasing the ruins. The question is whether the ruins are a separate parcel from the Cotton Hollow Preserve or part of the Preserve. John stated that if they are part of the Preserve, the ordinance states that they should be required to be left in a natural and undisturbed state. Lisa advised that the Town Manager is in the process of reviewing the deeds with the Town Attorney.
 - **NEW BUSINESS**
 - NONE
 - **ADJOURNMENT** meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Next scheduled meeting – January 22, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation