

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – October 21, 2024

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024

Commission Members Present: John Langmaid, Leo Colgan, Ellen Saunig, Luther Weeks

Absent: Mario DiLoreto, Jessica Wallace

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**
- **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - None
- **MINUTES OF THE September 16, 2024, REGULAR MEETING**
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - None
- **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - **Program Updates**
 - **Swim Lessons-** 205 participants enrolled, an increase of 5 from last year.
 - **Swim Team** – 196 participants enrolled, up by 10 registrations compared to last year.
 - **Pickleball lessons-** Fall season concluded with 48 participants, an increase of 24 registrations from fall 2023.
 - **Boat launch-** Season ended on October 15 with 349 boaters, up from 256 last season.
 - **Youth Dance Classes-** New program launched this fall. Strong attendance with most classes full.
 - **After-School Adventures-** Fall sessions are fully booked with waitlists. Discussion held about whether to spread program costs across locations or whether participants pay depending on program costs.
 - **Academy Multipurpose Room-** Lost use of Academy Multipurpose Room for 2.5 weeks due to Early Voting and Elections. All fitness classes have been moved to alternative locations to avoid cancelling classes.
 - **Puzzle Palooza** – October and November events are sold out, with 14 teams registered.
 - **Spooky Story Stroll-** Scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Currently, 330 people are registered for this annual event.
 - **Halloween Playgroup Party-** Set for October 31, featuring Trick or Treating around the Academy Building.
 - **Family Paint Night Series-** Kicked off on October 11 with "Thing One Thing Boo," attended by 30 painters. The next session is on November 15 and is fully booked.
 - **Bingo Bonanza-** Held on October 3. This intergenerational bingo event is held 5 times during the year. We had 40 people participate. The next one is scheduled for November 1.
 - **Santa's Run-** Registration started on Wednesday, October 16th. There are currently 142 people registered.

- **Drug Take Back-** Scheduled for Saturday 10/26 in the Town Hall Parking lot from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

- Chairman John Langmaid requested that Lisa contact her counterparts to determine if they allow Open Choice students to participate as residents in their programs. Lisa will provide an update at the next meeting.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Little League Project- Update-** The installation of the three monuments (Military, Fire, and Police) is scheduled to occur soon. The dedication ceremony will take place on Monday, November 11th, at 12 p.m.
- **Open Space Management Plan- Update-** Lisa reviewed the presentation made by Mosaic to the Conservation Commission on October 10th, 2024. The data collected will serve as baseline information to guide future management decisions. Five tasks were assigned to the project:

1. Preliminary existing condition mapping
2. Community survey
3. Forest inventory and assessment planning
4. Field investigations
5. Forest inventory and assessment report

Tasks 1-4 have been completed, with the survey being extended for further data collection. The project covers 1,500 acres across town, focusing on contiguous town parcels with potential recreational use, limited data, or frequent visitation. Lisa explained the field investigation process and the information gathered. Although not part of the project's original scope, the town plans to create an interactive GIS map to make the data available. Users will be able to click on parcels to view information such as species, timber quality, trails, and unique features (e.g., stone walls). The data will support future management plans, identify areas for focused management, support grant and municipal funding applications, detect non-native invasive species, educate the public, and address encroachments or inappropriate land use.

- **Cotton Hollow Preserve Proposed Ordinances-** Chapter 14 - Parks and Recreation, Article III - Recreation Areas Use Regulations was adopted by the Town Council on September 24, 2024, with an effective date of October 7, 2024. Commission members expressed thanks to John Langmaid for submitting written testimony and speaking at the public hearing.
- **Addison Bog- Bike Trail Update -** Lisa, along with Dan Pennington (Town Engineer), Greg Foran (Park Superintendent), Anna Park (Recreation Supervisor), Suzanne Simone (Environmental Planner), and volunteer Mark McCall, conducted a walk-through of the SMS Trails to review the newly created trails presented at the last Recreation Commission meeting. The group will now map the trails, and Town staff will work to integrate them into the GIS system.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

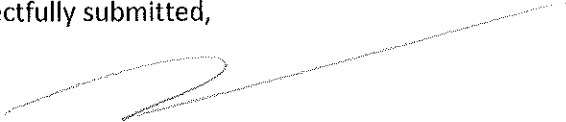
- **RCC Pavilion/Pickleball Light Update-** The contractor will begin mobilizing soon and is in the process of updating the formal construction schedule. They plan to complete as much work as possible before winter, including trenching for lighting, lighting installation, and drainage work. The pavilion slab is expected to be installed before the winter, with the pavilion itself being erected shortly after, which may take up to two weeks. Lisa will provide an updated timeline at the next meeting.
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- **ADJOURNMENT- ADJOURNED** at 6:47 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting – November 18, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Zerio', written over a thin horizontal line.

Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation

