

Town of Chesterfield, N.H.
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2018

Present: Fran Shippee, Erik Barnes, Dewey Auger, Joe Hanzalik (6:30 pm); Samantha Hill (director); Norm Van Cor (selectboard representative)
Public Present: Jeff Scott, John Koopman, Doug Iosue, Olivia Cotter, Karen Kucharczyk, Brodie Iosue, Darlene Smith

Call to Order: Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm

Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26th meeting. Auger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

Public Input: There are still concerns about the state of North Shore Beach including trimming of branches inside and outside of the gate, piles of fish, broken water spigot, unraked beach. Sam will send a crew over this week to do some cleaning, get Ryan Lower to fix the faucet and ask the highway department to pick up the fish.

Additional concerns were potential unpaid entry to the beach during busy times and lifeguard shortages and attention. Lifeguard shortage is apparently a nationwide problem. The issue of job descriptions was brought up. The job description for the director position is being worked on by Norm Van Cor. There was discussion about the need for a job description for the camp director position as well.

Director's report: Sam will call Elm City Electric to replace a GFCI faceplate in the Snack Shack, light switch at North Shore, and emergency exit sign.

Camp is running more smoothly now with more counselors and organization. There are two field trips planned to Kilburn Pond on July 13th and August 9th. An overnight stay is planned for July 26th.

There is still a need for more lifeguards. Sam has looked into the cost of certification if Parks and Rec were to make the decision to pay for this. According to the American Red Cross, initial certification costs between \$250 and \$400. There is an additional fee for open water certification of \$110. All but one of the full time lifeguards are going to be gone from July 13th through July 21st. The board of selectmen will be consulted on what to do about admission fees during this time.

Darrell Chase is working on the weed whacker and then will start work on the 4-wheeler.

Sam will purchase a new landline telephone for the Snack Shack.

DES has been contacted by Sam in order for her to become certified to take lake water samples.

Drinking water bacteria testing has been completed by Sam for July.

Bids are coming in for the cottage heating system. The bid for the Snack Shack bathrooms will now only be for the partitions as Ryan Lower will be doing the plumbing repairs.

A new Parks & Rec commission member is being sought. Anyone interested should send an email of interest to parks@nhchesterfield.com.

There have been problems with drone activity at Ware's Grove. There have been complaints from kayakers, lifeguards and general beachgoers. Norm Van Cor said he would talk to the town attorney about potential remedies.

The topic of nudity at the beach was discussed and perhaps should be added to the list of beach rules and regulations. Vaping should also be included in the rules as a prohibited activity on the beach. Ware's Grove bathrooms are now open until 9 pm.

Barnes is working on a new rules sign.

There was an update on the truck purchase from Barnes. The truck we were promised from Auto Mall has been sold; they are working on getting another one soon.

Sam will call Bell Septic about emptying the tanks at Ware's Grove and North Shore.

Soccer registrations and planning are underway. Sam has the fields reserved at the school for the season and will start a spreadsheet of players.

Parks & Rec will meet with the selectmen on 7/11 to discuss the lack of lifeguards from 7/13 through 7/21.

Parks & Rec will meet with the selectmen on 7/25 to discuss beach erosion at both beaches.

Upcoming meetings: Tuesday, July 31st, 6:00 pm – Town Office
 Monday, August 13th, 6:00 pm – Ware's Grove
 Tuesday, August 28th, 6:00 pm – Town Office

Adjournment

*With no other business to conduct, a motion was made by Barnes to adjourn at 7:32 pm.
Hanzalik seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

Fran Shippee
Secretary