

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING
Minutes of Wednesday, January 13th, 2021**

Members Present, Robert Enos, Cathy Nagorski, Michael Miller, David Oliver, Kristin Hatch, Brandon Quesnell and Heather Rogers

Members Absent:

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director Caroline Thompson

Call to order: Cathy calls meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Public comment: Members of the public will be allowed to speak in the order they have called in. All public comments will be limited to 3 minutes, and this is the only section that the public will be allowed to comment.

Board Member statements: Board members will be taken by alphabetical order by last name followed by the chair being last:

Robert Enos II- Happy New Year and hopes for a good 2021.

Kristin Hatch- Hoping for a good meeting and to solve the work the board keeps revisiting.

Michael Miller- No comment

David Oliver- No Comment

Heather Rogers- No Comment

Brandon Quesnell- No Comment

Cathy Nagorski- Addresses the length of the meetings and lets everyone know in the event of a long meeting a break is always an option. Also thanks everyone for their time and dedication. Happy to have a full attendance.

Old Business

A) 387 Commercial Street Waterfront Property Application Review- Votes May be Taken

Based on the previous meetings discussion, the board discusses the facility rental application for 387 Commercial Street.

Kristin acknowledges the conversation about putting a limit on how many times the facility can be rented.

Brandon Motta refers to the Town Halls use limit, and according to the department head who organizes the rental of town hall and there is "no limit" it is on a first come first serve basis.

Cathy asks the board if they would like to add a line item to the rental agreement document , stating that there should be a maximum number of days that the property is rentable to the applicant.

Robert discusses the dates of specification, primarily the busy weekends in the summer. Suggests adding a clause about the "major weekends." Also states that the Town Hall is a different property and the 387 Commercial Street application should be different because it is a beautiful parcel.

Mike states that he likes the application the way it is. As long as everyone agrees he would like to move forward as it is.

Kristin would like to add a line about rentals being allowed on a specific schedule and feels good about the conversation they are having.

David thinks a statement is not needed because we take applications on a case by case basis.

Brandon Q. in comparison to the Town Hall application believes the waterfront application steps on other boards toes . Says he is flexible with the schedule, however his main concern is a large business coming in and taking the big weekends away from community members.

Cathy asks the board if they are fine with leaving the form as is. She also asks Brandon M. if the application has been approved by the Town Counsel.

Brandon M. says it has been approved by the Select Board and the Town Manager's Office.

The board agrees to keep the application the same and move on to the next agenda item.

New Business:

A) 2021 Provincetown Recreation Department Mission Statement- Votes May be Taken

Cathy says she wanted to add this to the agenda because she strongly believes in mission statements. Cathy then asks the board about adding Parks to our Recreation title.

Robert says he does not see why we should not add parks to our department.

David shares his input as to why he thinks it may be difficult for the department to add the parks to Recreation. Does not believe we have the ample staff to carry out the beautification of the parks.

Kristin shares the current Recreation Commission mission statement and thinks the next stop should be going to the Town Manager to see if the recreation department has enough resources to add parks.

Mike shares his thoughts about the importance of the mission statement and would be happy to help draft one up with Cathy.

Brandon Q. came up with a proposed mission statement and shares the following statement:

“Provides facilities and programs for the well being of people of all ages who reside in or visit Provincetown. As stewards of parks and facilities, the Recreation Commission oversees staff and sets the strategic plans to ensure quality and diverse programming. We collaborate with other town entities seeking opportunities in acquiring parcels for the preservation of waterfront parks and facilities in Provincetown. To ensure that our facilities and programming are cost effective and well-utilized, we work with other Outer Cape Recreation commissions in creating regional programs.”

Kristin shares that Brandon Q's statement is too specific.

Heather asks the board what their “role” is as a board. Shares that the board is advisory and believes that is where some confusion takes place. Strongly suggests we find out the role of the board to better form a mission statement

Cathy asks Brandon M. to talk about what Heather mentioned.

David adds that he believes the board has always been advisory.

Brandon Q. adds that the board now has parks and the role of the board has evolved.

Cathy asks the board if there is any reason why we should not have Parks in the Recreation Commission name.

Brandon Q. agrees that the board should start thinking of adding that title to the commissions name.

Cathy asks Brandon M. how that would impact the commission and department.

Brandon Motta says that there would need to be a change in the charter and is unsure about the path the commission would need to take and would bring David Gardner to help better pave a path for the board. In regards to the department it would be a lot of changes. He says it would be an overhaul task and would need more time to see how it would be done.

Brandon Q. talks about the Landscape Committee and their mission statement and how it could apply to the recreation department. Brandon Q. also mentions how language can help clarify what parks are/we want in the department's jurisdiction.

Cathy would like to see if David Gardner is available to join the next meeting and further discuss and hear his input.

The board agrees.

B) Skate Park Subcommittee – Votes May be Taken

Kristin, John Andrade and David have been in touch and plan on getting together later this week to further discuss the vision of the skatepark. Kristin has been gathering questions to ask John and will give an update at the next meeting.

Directors Report:

A) West End Basketball Court Retrofit Update- Votes May be Taken

Brandon Motta gives the board an update on the West End Basketball Court retrofit. He also shows the board an updated image of the court area.

An additional pickleball court will be striped within the basketball court. Brandon is awaiting Billy's final drawing and has a meeting on February 4th to discuss further planning.

Once the drawing is received it will be ready for bid.

Robert thinks adding the pickleball court is a good direction to go. Is curious what the "true width" of the basketball court is and why Brandon M. did not have a third pickleball court added. Robert suggests centering the basketball court and putting two pickleball courts parallel to each other.

Brandon M. would like to keep an area for basketball.

Mike adds to the conversation about pickleball and discusses the space needed to play and believes there is no room to add a third "striped" court.

Kristin thinks it would be good to not line anything at all and just let the pickleball people stripe it themselves. Mike does not like or agree with Kristin's statement.

David asks about the Tennis Courts as an alternative location for pickleball courts. Also asks Mike when they play. Mike says as long as there is light they are out there, no specific time.

Heather says she is not familiar with pickleball but would be happy as long as both pickleball and basketball players are able to play.

Brandon Q. suggests his thoughts about both pickleball and basketball and what options we have for basketball players such as the gyms. Would like to talk about the hours of the school gym and VMCC gym for additional play space at the next meeting.

Robert motions to center the basketball court and add two pickleball courts parallel on each side

Michael seconds

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(In favor, opposed, abstain)

Brandon M. adds that he would have liked these plans when the plan was first proposed and approved

The board further discusses the layout option.

Kristin suggests that we trust the director

Assistant Directors Report:

A) Afterschool Program Update- Votes May be Taken

Caroline discusses the adjustments made to the recreation departments Hybrid Afterschool Programming. The Recreation department put out a survey to all families back in early December asking what they would like to see "virtually" from the recreation department this winter. Based on the survey results, the most requested program for children was a drawing class/ art activity course and for families it was Movie Night and Game Night. The recreation department has created both in addition to the Afterschool Programs. The recreation department will also be offering a Winter Walk Challenge until the end of February and continuing to offer their Movement Class with Bart on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

387 Commercial Street working group update

Cathy says the working group has been in receipt from multiple firms. They are evaluating each of the firms and discussing them. Will continue to keep the board updated.

Other:

Approval of December 13thth, 2020 Minutes will take place at the next meeting.

Caroline will amend the minutes to add Brandon Q. descriptives questions from the previous meeting

Cathy would like to schedule two meetings for the month of February 10th at 5:30pm and 24th as a contingent second date.

Cathy motions to adjourn meeting

Mike seconds.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.