

Wethersfield Advisory Parks and Recreation Board  
Harbor Management Commission  
Minutes - Thursday, July 28, 2016

The meeting was held at Town Hall and called to order by Acting Chairperson Dan Silbo at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Michael Bisi, Tom Mull and Dan Silbo. Also present were Charlie Forsdick, Harbormaster, Tony Ruggiero, Deputy Harbormaster, and Kathy Bagley, Director of Parks and Recreation.

A. Public Comments.

None.

B. Minutes – June 23, 2016.

Mike Bisi moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Mull and approved unanimously.

C. Monthly Report – June 2016.

Board members reviewed the monthly report. Acting Chairperson Dan Silbo commented on the pools being busy with the hot weather. He reported that the Keeney Kooler Concerts sponsored by the Historical Society on Tuesday nights in July were very well attended. The High School Safe Graduation party was very successful.

D. Letters and Announcements.

1. Board members reviewed the updated membership list and noted Mr. Stathis Manousos has been appointed and Mr. John Rascius completed his term on the board.
2. Ms. Bagley reported that the Teen Theater production of 'Once Upon a Mattress' was very successful. The cast and crew had great shows and each performance had a good audience. The shows were held on July 21, 22 & 23. The Dance and Drama shows are being held this week on Tuesday, July 26 and Thursday, July 28.
3. Ms. Bagley provided information on the new pilot policy of allowing a second caregiver on the pool pass with the payment of an additional \$10. The families that had made the request did pay the additional fee to cover a second caregiver and were appreciative of the board responding to their request.

E. Old Business.

1. Update on Field Use.

Acting Chairperson Silbo asked Ms. Bagley for a report on athletic field use for this month. She noted that the weather has been hot and sunny so there have been few rainouts or rescheduled games. Fields have been used regularly by Little League, Men's Softball, summer camps and soccer practices. Also the rugby program has good attendance. Tom Mull reported that Softball Field #1 (Fusco Field) has been in good condition. He asked Ms. Bagley to notify maintenance that there is a leak in the water line and it is putting water into the dugout area.

F. New Business.

1. Ms. Bagley reported that the department is hosting the Central CT Swim League Championships on July 30 at Willard Pool. Expected attendance is around 500 with swimmers, coaches and their families. Willard Pool will be closed to the public, but Mill Woods Pond will be open.
2. Acting Chairperson Dan Silbo asked about the hay bales at Mill Woods Pond. Ms. Bagley explained that they are there to help prevent a beach washout during thunderstorms. The beach had a washout in June and it closed the pool for a day. Hay bales will help slow down the water on the beach sand.

G. Board Member Comments.

None.

H. Harbor Management Commission.

1. Harbormaster Report.

Acting Chairperson Silbo reviewed the report with commission members and Harbormaster Charlie Forsdick and Deputy Harbormaster Tony Ruggiero. Charlie Forsdick noted that there is an increase in boaters using the moorings and tender cleats. A discussion ensued on the location of the buoy in the river identifying the slow wake zone near the Glastonbury docks. Members felt the buoy was in the wrong location. The harbormasters will confirm the location and, if incorrect, will contact Ms. Bagley. She will notify the Town Manager so that he can make the Glastonbury Town Manager aware of the situation and ask him to correct it. Mr. Forsdick discussed the location of the fishing dock with the commission. He suggested considering a new location in the future because the fisherman and the boat operators are both using it now. It is not a big problem, but one to consider for the future.

2. Status of Boat.

Acting Chairperson Silbo asked for an update on the boat status. Mr. Forsdick reported that the boat is running well, but there is a small problem with the motor at low speeds. The maintenance staff has been notified of the problem.

I. Motion to Adjourn.

Michael Bisi moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Tom Mull and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen A. Bagley, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department