

SALISBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

March 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm on Zoom. Present were Lou Bucceri, Lisa McAuliffe, Raydin Neary, Tim Sinclair, and David Valcin. Chairman Bucceri presided.

David moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved as written. Raydin seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lisa informed commissioners that she has been managing COVID vaccinations for town seniors. The basketball courts at Trotta Field were set up and flooded for skating. Lisa said that the rink got some use over the winter. It was even used by the HVRHS hockey team for three practices. The town set the water level at Factory Pond too low to be safely used for skating. The Trotta Field surface will close and be removed next week.

Lisa has submitted a budget that included a slight increase mostly related to summer staffing needs.

With regard to spring programs, Lisa reported that the regional recreation directors will try to begin baseball programs after Memorial Day weekend. Lisa has met with Salisbury Central School Principal Stephanie Magyar to discuss how best to protect the school-created pandemic cohorts.

The summer programs will be run like last year with limitations on the number of offerings and participants. Lisa hopes that conditions will allow for add back the swim team.

Lou reported that he had a conversation with former selectman Jim Dresser regarding plans for the town's Pope property. Dresser is a member of the town's Pope planning committee. He praised the thoughtful thoroughness of Lisa's report to the committee on recreation needs. Given recent controversies with regard to other affordable housing locations in town, Dresser wondered whether the Commission intended to create an independent plan for recreation use or whether it preferred to collaborate with other interests on a plan to optimize land use. With many questions about layout unresolved, commissioners wondered how much of it would be reserved for recreational purposes.

David moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Tim and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis J. Bucceri
Chairman