

SALISBURY RECREATION COMMISSION
September 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. on Zoom. Present were Lou Bucceri, Lisa McAuliffe, Jon Rusillo, Tim Sinclair, and David Valcin. Chairman Bucceri presided.

David moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved as written. Tim seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. David moved to approve the August 8, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Jon seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Lisa noted that, at the August meeting, she forgot to mention the two Family Fun Nights that were held at the Town Grove over the summer. Both nights were well attended and received. One of the nights allowed the EXTRAS After-school & Summer Day Care Program to give away hot dogs that were not used when the July 4 town celebration was canceled. Grove staff were enthusiastic. New arts and crafts opportunities were offered. It is planned to continue such nights next summer.

Lisa explained that the regional recreation directors have had a difficult time getting together recently. As a result, there is not yet a plan for youth recreational soccer. It will come soon. Both the adult lap swim and the indoor walking groups at Hotchkiss have resumed. The New Wave Rays competitive swim program will begin at Hotchkiss on October 7.

Lisa reported that a tentative agreement has been reached regarding how the Pope land will be divided between housing and recreation. The exact locations for each has not yet been finalized. The survey to gather data regarding recreation and open spaces for the new POCD on which planning and zoning is currently working is in progress. There was some discussion about the breadth of the survey publicity. Tim suggested that an additional targeted group of interested residents might be the paddle tennis club.

In her financial report, Lisa explained the one-time expenses that have already been incurred in the first couple of months of the new fiscal year.

David made a plea for additional coaches in the Region One Middle School Athletic programs. Providing certified coaching and reliable transportation have been the biggest difficulties in the three years since middle school interscholastic athletics were regionalized. There has been some success in solving the transportation issues, but coaches have been scarce.

David moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm. The motion was seconded by Tim and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis J. Bucceri
Chair