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Easton Park and Recreation Regular Commission Meeting Minutes Monday August 1, 2022 Park & Recreation Office

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30pm

Present: Rocky Sullivan, Chris Barcello, Dave Gombos, Kacey Gormley, Carolyn Oppenheim, Chase Cameron, Kerry Caylor.

Absentee(s): Danielle Alves, Lisa Farasciano, Eleni Yiannakides

Guests:

1. Discussion and approval of the minutes of June 6th Regular Commission Meeting

A brief discussion was held regarding the minutes from June 6th Regular meeting Chris Barcello made a motion to accept the minutes.

Kerry Caylor: second

All in favor

2. Unfinished Business

None

3. New Business

Members discussed email notification from Chase Cameron resignation from Commission; members voiced a request to keep Chase on as volunteer consultant for his experience in ground keeping and field maintenance.

4. Department status and policy discussion.

Members discussion ensued with the focus on department/Commission continuity and defining long term objectives

- Questions surfaced with regards to role, purpose, policy, procedure development and financial oversight (i.e. fundraising, funding streams, grant writing)
- History given that identified a Master Plan for Morehouse property developed by Planning & Zoning with Park & Recreation in an advising role prior to March 2020 (Dave & Chris to seek out those plans for current commission review)
- Suggestion made to develop a Community Assessment to survey stakeholders/townspeople.
- Identified that commission desires to be a department that engages all ages
- Highlighted the importance of being proactive and getting buy-in on varying levels including Board of Selectman and Commission members respective party affiliations.
- Recognized staff strengths and the collaborative relationship with ECC.

• Plan developed to outline phases for strategic 1/3/5 year planning (Kerry to create framework and shareable document).

5. Commissioner's Comments

- Member questioned the logistics of creating a subcommittee and how many members are allowed to participate; clarification needed with regards to definition of commission meeting (Carolyn to clarify definition with Town Clerk).
- Member noted challenges of obtaining financial reports at the beginning of the month and requested consideration of meeting date be changed regularly from the 1st Monday of the month to the 2nd or the 3rd Monday (Rocky to check with the Town Clerk's office for any town conflict).
- Member asked if call in or Zoom would be an option if a Commission member was traveling for regularly scheduled meetings-members in agreement that this could be an option available if unable to attend in person.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 pm

Kacey Gormlay made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Carolyn Oppenheim: Second

All in favor

Submitted by: Kacey Gormley