

Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Harbor Management Commission
Minutes - Thursday, December 20, 2012

The meeting was held at Lucky Lou's Restaurant, Main Street and called to order by Chairperson Tom Ragonese at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Tom Ragonese, Richard Lepore, Tom Mull, and Jeremy Donnelly.

Also present were Mike Hurley, Town Council Liaison, Kathy Bagley, Director of Parks and Recreation, Charlie Forsdick, Harbormaster and Charlie Viani, Deputy Harbormaster.

A. Public Comments.
None.

B. Minutes – November 15, 2012.

Richard Lepore moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2012 monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Mull and approved unanimously.

C. Monthly Report – November 2012.

The Monthly Report was reviewed by Board members. Chairperson Ragonese commented on the new batting cage for the lighted Little League field. He appreciated Little League's donation for this improvement to the field. Ms. Bagley reported that the department will be holding children's vacation activities next week.

D. Letters and Announcements.

1. Sandy Hook Elementary School Interfaith Vigil – Cove Park, December 23, 2012 from 6-7 p.m.

Ms. Bagley gave Board members information on this vigil. She reported that speakers will include clergy and ministers from the different faith based groups in town. Also the mayor, high school principal and members from the state legislative delegation will speak at this event. The High School Choralaires will sing selected songs. The service will last one hour.

2. Council Liaison, Mike Hurley reported that the Town will be holding a bell ringing ceremony, tomorrow at town hall in memory of Sandy Hook Elementary School at 9:30 am. Governor Malloy has asked communities across the State to hold this moment of remembrance for the victims at the school.

E. Old Business.

1. Mill Woods Beach Drainage Project.

Ms. Bagley reported that TO Design, New Britain, CT was selected as the engineering firm to propose solutions to the beach washout at Mill Woods. They have started work and will provide some preliminary reports to staff in January. Test pits were dug on the beach to determine the soil content and this information will help determine the design components for the project.

F. New Business.

1. Capital Improvement Program for 2012-13.

Chairperson Ragonese discussed the Capital Improvement Projects for the Parks and Recreation Department for Fiscal Year 2012-13. Members reviewed the priority list submitted by the department. Ms. Bagley gave a brief overview on the projects. She explained that the Cove Park request of \$25,000 is the match the Town needs to provide for the Boating Infrastructure Grant. This is the second installment of \$25,000. We received this amount last year and will be requesting it again in 2013-2014 for a total of \$75,000. Mike Hurley noted that the Town will be considering the replacement of the synthetic turf at Cotton Field during the high school renovation project. It is not being requested for the upcoming budget year, but will be in the near future when the renovation is just about complete. Tom Mull asked that bleacher replacement be included in the ten year plan for softball field #5. Ms. Bagley will add that to the plan. Jeremy Donnelly moved to approve the Capital Improvements Project priority list as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department. Motion was seconded by Richard Lepore and approved unanimously.

G. Board Member Comments.

None.

H. Harbor Management Commission.

1. Harbormaster Report.

Chairperson Ragonese reviewed the Harbormaster report included in their packet. Harbormaster Forsdick reported that CT DOT is compiling a list of state projects to submit to the State Bond Commission. The Town is working to get the dredging of the Cove Channel listed as a bond project. Our state legislators have been contacted for their support on this project. The Harbor Management Plan is on the Council agenda for January 7, 2013 for their approval. Chairperson Tom Ragonese, Harbormaster Charlie Forsdick and Kathy Bagley will attend the Council meeting to provide support and information to the Council.

2. Harbormaster Boat.

Ms. Bagley reported that a reasonable quote of \$3,600 has been received from a South Windsor business to repair the boat. This work will be undertaken in January 2013.

I. Motion to Adjourn.

A motion was made by Richard Lepore and seconded by Jeremy Donnelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Bagley, Director
Parks & Recreation Department