

TOWN OF NEWTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 21, 2021  
VIA AUDIO CONFERENCE CALL  
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:06 PM on April 21, 2021 by Recreation Commission Secretary, Sherri Kaylani.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Alan Abramson, Rachel Bucci, Karen Crossley, Maureen Duggan-Cuff, Rufus Coward, Danielle Zito

**Also Present:** Recreation Supervisor, Sherri Kaylani

Chairwomen Crossley, read the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

**MINUTES – March 17, 2021 -**

Upon motion of Mr. Abramson, seconded by Mr. Coward and unanimously carried, the minutes for the March 17, 2021 meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

Sherri informed all that there remains a Recreation Commission vacancy and provided an update on the outcome of the Operation Easter Event. The NFD had approximately 27 stops and 90 children who received either their Easter gifts (sponsored by their friends or family members) or Easter prize filled eggs sponsored by the Town of Newton. Jason from the NFD informed Sherri that the event was a success and that the NFD will continue with same for next Easter. Also, the A.R.C. was given an update on the Easter Bunny Run which was also a success and event that will come back for 2022.

Chairwomen Crossley stated that she heard lots of great community feedback. Sherri asked for two volunteers to create the recommended senior citizens surveys to present at our future senior events. Chairwomen Crossley and Mr. Abramson both volunteered to create a brief survey of no more than 5 questions geared towards how we can better communicate with our Town of Newton Seniors community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sherri informed all that we are approved to host a Spring Senior Lunch and due to the on-going pandemic restrictions, the event would need to be held outdoors. The following updates were also provided: the date of the event is being planned for 5/22/21 outdoors at the Liberty Towers location with a boxed lunch to go sponsored by the Town of Newton along with a guest speaker as they have suggested. More details to follow at our next meeting. Karen stated that she is not available for 5/22/21. The date for 5/23/21 and time of 11:00 am were established for this event. Volunteers would be needed earlier in the day until approximately 2 PM. All members stated that they

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are available to help with this event. Sherri stated that she would be reaching out to the commission at the Liberty Towers to plan further and give all a final update on the event at our next meeting. Mrs. Cuff stated that she could possibly donate items for the event.

Sherri informed all members that she'd like to include their volunteer services at the pool this 2021 season with more details to also follow. Mr. Abramson, Mrs. Cuff, Chairwomen Crossley and, Mrs. Bucci stated they will volunteer for pool help.

Sherri also provided an update on the 2021 Park improvements which included the renovated handicapped ramp and benches at the Town of Newton Roller Hockey Rink, new park rules signs at all of our Town of Newton Parks and fresh mulch in our playground areas. The Babe Ruth project is still in permits review and that our parks passed our safety inspections. Chairwomen Crossley stated that since we do not allow ice skating at the Summit Park, we should consider hosting an Ice Skating event in the future. The event would be a community event possibly at Memory Park where an ice skating rink is temporarily built or rented. All members agreed that this idea would be great for the community. Sherri stated that she will review the logistics of said event and we can re-visit the idea in the future.

Sherri shared that the Town of Newton Pool is still hiring Lifeguards and Pool Assistants asking if they could help to spread the information to all.

**OPEN FORUM** –

There were no open discussions. Also, there were no members from the public on the call.

Mr. Abramson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairwomen Crossley. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM Via audio call.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sherri Kaylani