

TOWN OF NEWTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 16 2022  
IN PERSON MEETING  
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:04 PM on March 16, 2022 by Recreation Commission Chairwomen, Karen Crossley.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

Chairwomen Crossley, read the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

**MINUTES – February 16, 2022 -**

Upon motion of Mrs. Bucci, seconded by Mrs. Duggan-Cuff and unanimously carried, the minutes for the February 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

The Recreation Commission members received the following updates from Sherri: Operation Easter Bunny will be held on 4/9 and is presented by the Town of Newton Fire Department. We have donated to them the older Easter Costume. Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on 4/16 at 10 am, a new costume has been ordered, Smith- Mccracken has donated half of this years prize giveaway baskets, we are sponsoring the additional baskets and have received 2,000 easter eggs for the hunt. Maureen volunteered to be the Easter Bunny if needed. All volunteered to help with the event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sherri informed all that the Senior Spring Lunch will be held at Firehouse #1 this year. Karen recommended that we perhaps use Town and Country for catering. We all agreed that we will reach out to Gina Maria Jones to inquire if she is available for entertainment. Further planning will be coordinated via the Rec department. This year we will sponsor some tickets for Seniors to attend the Highschool Musical. Zumba Gold has started at Firehouse #1 on Fridays with Peggy Pak with a \$5.00 drop-in fee. Alan updated us on the Prime Time Seniors Organization and Karen stated that they should still review if they can offer a night time meeting, perhaps have more activities that can help attract new members as their numbers are low. Karen suggested a walking club. Alan was concerned about the bussing needs of the Senior Citizens in our community and Sherri expressed that he meets with Jenn Dodd to discuss his concerns further as she is the Town of Newton Bussing coordinator. Alan asked if the Town had any back up plans or contingencies plans for when the busses are down. Sherri stated that Jenn

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would be the person to ask these questions to as well. Sherri informed all that the Town of Newton now has an online published Annual Report available to all. Also announced that we are exploring adding a Dog Park here in the Town.

**OPEN FORUM** –

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

Mr. Abramson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Coward. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Kaylani