A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Fairfield was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eunice Postol Recreation Center, Fairfield, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Scott Walker, Chairman; David Weber, Jamie Benton, Alexa Mullady, Mary Von Conta, Bridget McBride, Jessica Gerber, Chris McCoy and Brian Nerreau

ABSENT: None

ALSO: Anthony Calabrese, Director; Parks & Recreation Department;

Chairman Scott Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ACT ON MINUTES OF:
November 14, 2018 – Hearing no objections the minutes were approved as written.

II. PUBLIC INPUT: None

IV. NEW BUSINESS: To hear and act upon:
1. Ye Yacht Yard Fees – Mr. Calabrese presented information regarding the Ye Yacht Yard fees, which are currently at $12.00 per foot and have not had a price increase since 2007. Mr. Calabrese recommended an increase to $15.00 per foot.

Ms. Mullady thanked the director for bringing it to the Commission as they had heard from the public in November that these rates had not been raised in quite some time. She felt it was important to be consistent in raising rates and she agreed with his recommendation.

When asked, Mr. Calabrese explained that this was merely a rate that slipped through the cracks over the years.

Mr. Nerreau suggested that $17.00 was a more accurate increase, using 3% per year.

Ms. Von Conta explained that half the boats using these slips only use them to access their larger moored boats. Those moorings are not more than $200. The other half are small boats (that use them to fish (Boston Whalers, etc.).

Motion: A. Mullady moved, and M. Von Conta seconded to increase the Ye Yacht Yard rates from $12.00 to $15.00 per foot.

Vote: 6-2-1 (B. Nerreau and C. McCoy opposed, Mr. Walker abstained)

2. Election of Officers – Mr. Walker asked Mr. Calabrese to handle elections. Mr. Calabrese opened the floor to nominations for Secretary.

Motion: A. Mullady moved to nominate Brian Nerreau for Secretary for 2019.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-1 Mr. Nerreau abstained.

Motion: S. Walker moved to nominate Alexa Mullady for Vice Chairman for 2019.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-1 Ms. Mullady abstained.

Motion: C. McCoy moved to nominate Scott Walker for Chairman for 2019.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-1 Mr. Walker abstained.

3. Approve 2019 Meeting Calendar

Motion: B. Nerreau made a motion, seconded by J. Gerber to approve the 2019 meeting calendar with the correction to change Thursday to Wednesday on September 18.

Vote: Unanimous
V. To hear and act upon information in Committee Reports:
A. Marina Sub-Committee – Mr. Walker reported:
- The sub-committee met on December 11 and continues to work on an 11th rendering for a new marina design. They hope to bring something before the full Commission by January.
- The Gas Dock has been demolished and they hope for a new building by spring.
- The dredging applications have been submitted.

Mr. G. Mike Herrington 93 Rolling Ridge Rd. stated that DEEP is required to post any application on their website within 24 hours of receipt and nothing has been posted as of 5pm this evening. He does not believe an application has been properly received or submitted. Mr. Herrington added that he has heard that a spending freeze is the reason for no dredging however, school field resurfacing projects were done during that time. He is frustrated with the management and the fact that the large boats whose owners pay the most do not have full access to the marina due to the lack of dredging.

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT: Ms. Gerber reported:
- The Board approved the Capital Expenses for the year. Including, Security Updates, Partial roof at Stratfield, A/C controls at both Dwight and Warde, Ludlowe HS Tennis court repairs, and Partial flooring at Tomlinson M.S. This plan will now go on to the Board of Selectmen, Bd. of Finance and RTM.
- Budget work is being done and they expect to vote on the budget January 24.
- The Board held a Town Hall meeting last week and one important issue raised was the lack of air conditioning in some schools. Dr. Jones is working on a plan.

VIII. DIRECTOR & PROGRAM REPORTS: Mr. Calabrese presented a written report (see attached). New topics included:
- Holiday events were very successful
- Spring brochure is set to go to the printer for a mid-January mailing.
- Concession bids for Jennings and Penfield have closed but not been awarded yet.
- The Summer Tennis contract has been signed.
- The Skate Park Concessionaire has had to back out of the remaining two years due to high costs of insurance and staffing. The Department will run the area as it has in the past. This topic may be revisited to see if there is a better use for the property, however the Town has made a significant investment in this use.
- Interviews for the Marina Manager will begin on December 20.
- Mr. Calabrese has had the first budget meeting with the First Selectman. He will keep the Commission updated as things progress.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Ryan, Recording Secretary