A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Fairfield was held on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eunice Postal Recreation Center, Fairfield, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Scott Walker, Chairman; Alexa Mullady, David Weber, Brian Nerreau, Chris McCoy and Mary Von Conta
ABSENT: Jessica Gerber, Jamie Benton, and Bridget McBride
ALSO: Anthony Calabrese, Dir. Parks & Recreation, Justin Cathcart, Marina Manager

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

I. ACT ON MINUTES OF: October 16, 2019 – Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

II. COMMUNICATIONS: To hear and act upon:
A. Rabbi Shlame Landa – Chabad of Fairfield - Menorah lighting with overnight vigil – Ms. Ryan let the members know that Rabbi Landa had withdrawn his request for the overnight portion of the vigil and will keep the event as in past years. - No action taken

B. Rev. Norman Guilbert, Jr. Holy Family Carnival - Jennings Beach Lot - May 10-17, 2020 Mr. Ken Elwood representing Holy Family was present to make the request. Mr. Calabrese stated that they had some issues with the dismantling and that there must be no noise after 9pm on Sunday. Mr. Elwood agreed. It was noted that they have hired Northeast Midway Amusement Company.
Motion: C. McCoy moved, and A. Mullady seconded to approve the request.
Vote: 5-0-1 (Walker Abstained)

C. Hon. Kate Maxham, Probate Judge- Old Burial Ground repairs and cleaning - Hon. Kate Maxham, Betty Oderwald and Jeanne Stevens were all present to make the request (see attached). Explanations of history and details of preservation were given. Mr. Calabrese suggested that perhaps they look into vendors other than Artista Studios who had been extremely slow to compete work in his experience. Ms. Stevens stated that they were the most expert and economical in the area but they could look further north for comparison.
Motion: D. Weber made a motion, seconded by B. Nerreau to approve the request.
Vote: Vote: 5-0-1 (Walker Abstained)

III. PUBLIC INPUT: None

IV. NEW BUSINESS: To hear and act upon any business that may properly come before the Commission:
A. 2020-21 Budget Discussion – Mr. Calabrese reported on his proposed 2020-21 Budget but was not seeking approval at this time.” Each of the normal three budgets (Parks & Recreation, Penfield and Waterfront) were discussed and a fourth, Marina budget was introduced. This last budget is being broken out from Waterfront, Penfield and Department of Public Works. It will give a truer picture of the
cost of business for the Town Marinas and sailboat rack rentals at the three locations. Members asked specific questions and gave suggestions. Mr. Calabrese hopes to meet with the First Selectwoman prior to the December 18 meeting.

V. To hear and act upon information in Reports:

A. Marine Sub-Committee Report

1. Joseph Regensburger Appeal – Mr. Regensburger of 921 Valley Road was present with his attorney, Jonathan Klein to request a reversal of his dismissal from the So. Benson Marina due to late application in 2019. Members questioned Mr. Regensburger and Mr. Cathcart about their recollection of any communications that took place in late 2018 and early 2019. It was also brought to the members’ attention that Mr. Regensburger was given an exception in 2015 for missing that deadline. Mr. Regensburger let the members know that there were health issues in the family. He also explained that prior to Mr. Cathcart’s hiring someone male in the office had told him that he could have a year’s hiatus with no paperwork filing. Members did not seem convinced that Mr. Regensburger had done his due diligence and had been contacted on several occasions to abide by the rules. Mr. Walker explained that they could vote to choose to reinstate or they could take no action which is basically a denial of the request. No action was taken.

2. General Report – Given by Justin Cathcart

Marina closed at midnight on Sunday 11/17/19

- 1 late at YYY, stated will remove by 11/21 $300
- 1 late at SBM (mechanical issues removed 11/18 $100)
- Notified, in contract, newsletter 8/23, 10/1, 10/23; Q-Notify email 10/18; slipholder specific emails 11/8 and 11/14-15; signs at YYY and SBM 11/1, electronic sign 10/18

2020 Slip renewal

- Initial email and application mid-December
- 2nd email in early January, Robo call mid/end of January, 3rd and Final email Early February

Winter storage

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- Misspoke last meeting only sold 109 last season
- Due to high demand added 15 more winter storage spaces in early November. New total of 125.

Dredging Update

- Mobilization began 10/23 and dredging commenced on Tuesday, 11/5.
- Have moved estimated. 6-8000cy of material moved, approx. 1/3rd of 22,000 cy of base bid. Quality of sand had been overall good, some pea gravel and small rock in spots, some darker sand, expected to wash out over the winter and clear out.
- Estimating another 20-25 days of dredging for phase 1, 10 days for phase 2. Waiting for mid-phase 1 progress payment/quality control survey to issue add alt bid. Phase 2 as of now would go almost to buoy 1-2, with narrowing of channel, if channel is widened to 100’ width they would need to stop half way between buoys pair 1-2 and 3-4.
Botanist discovered State-listed species of drop seed grass on St. Mary’s side. A proposal was submitted to DEEP on 11/20 to relocate plants and to maintain 100’ channel. They are waiting for DEEP response. If denied, channel will be 80’ at narrow pt. which would still exceed guidelines of 5 x max beam (13’) of 65’. It would be 8’ deep at mlw for 80’ (6.1 x max beam.) Shoreline would be approximately 25’ past channel’s edge at mlw, 45’ at mhw.

B. Board of Education Report: Ms. Gerber was not present to give a report.

VI. DIRECTOR & PROGRAM REPORTS: Mr. Calabrese presented a written report:
- Our staff is diligently working on our spring programming while ensuring that our fall and winter programming is running smoothly. Both adult and youth basketball leagues are up and running, numbers are on par as compared to the past. The Fowl Shooting contest is tonight at North Stratfield School. We held our Breakfast with Santa online registration this morning, it was a successful registration.
- Several other projects that are currently taking place. The dredging at the South Benson Marina is going well. To date, the weather has been cooperating and this project is still scheduled to conclude in January. A flooring and painting upgrade at Jacky Durrell is starting to take place and should be completed later this winter. Gaylen has been working on a communication to alert the upcoming renters of the building. We will be sharing pictures as the work is completed.
- Winter events planned for the month of December. We will be hosting an AR Holiday Workshop on December 4th at the Penfield Pavilion. All cordially invited to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting taking place on Friday, December 6th on the Town Hall Green. The staff will be hosting a sold out dueling piano show at Penfield Pavilion featuring the music of Billy Joel and Elton John on December 7th. Breakfast with Santa is being held on Saturday, December 14th at Fairfield Ludlowe High School. We are also ringing in the new year with two comedy shows at Penfield Pavilion on New Year’s Eve. Last, but not least we will be starting our new year off on the right foot with a special New Year’s Restorative Yoga event at the Penfield Pavilion.
- The Town of Fairfield is holding its swearing in ceremony on Monday, November 25th at Fairfield Warde High School for all newly elected officials. All encouraged and welcome to attend.
- Congratulations to Jessica Gerber who was re-elected to the Board of Education.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Mr. Walker let the Commission know that Ms. Mullady and Mr. Weber’s terms were expiring. While both are eligible for reappointment, Ms. Mullady has chosen to retire from the Commission. Mr. Weber will hear about his reappointment when the new Board of Selectmen makes their appointments. Mr. Walker presented Ms. Mullady with a plaque and thanked her for her years of invaluable service to the Commission and the community.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan C. Ryan, Recording Secretary