

**Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, September 9, 2021**

I. Commissioners in attendance:

Mary Wallace-Collins, Jake Dixon, Ragan Beebe, Verandah Porche, Chris Zappala

II. Recognition of Public:

none present

III. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6: 44pm

IV. New Additions:

no new additions

V. Changes to Agenda:

no changes

VI. Approval of Minutes: (from 8/19/21)

Minutes from 8/19/21 meeting were unanimously approved

VII. Finances:

The Commission finances remain unchanged from the 8/19 report. It was reported that new funding available through programs responding to the Covid-19 pandemic could not be applied to the matching grant.

Verandah announced her intention to raise again, at the next Selectboard meeting, the Commission's efforts to establish an online fundraising process.

VIII. Old Business:

Recruiting new members:

The commission is now 5 members, with a capacity for 9. The members discussed recruiting new commissioners, through the GCS newsletter to parents, or through the Community Service Program at the High School for students, or via word-of-mouth. Any one reading this and wanting to be a part of the Commission

and planning events to bring community, health and a vibrancy to Guilford can call Mary Collins for more information at 617-293-8002.

Guilford Recreation Commission leadership transition:

The Commission is in a period of transition since its long-time Chair and Treasurer stepped down. Members talked about sharing the responsibilities of these positions, and recruiting new members for these positions. The commission agreed to work in smaller sub-committees on the individual projects and use the monthly meetings to report on the progress of these projects.

The commission looked forward to using this transition time to forge a new cooperative relationship with the Guilford Recreation Club.

Nordic ski update:

Jake discussed with the Library the feasibility of bar coding the ski equipment for ease in tracking lending and returns, but concluded the setup is too cumbersome. The Commission will use the system in place from last year, sending a request form to the GCS, and posting a form on facebook for those home-schooled. Each student's equipment is gathered from the completed forms and then can be picked up at the library during scheduled distribution times.

It was noted that all equipment borrowed last year was returned in good condition. there will be no increase in inventory this year.

Jake will contact former commissioner, Eric Jones, about the necessary forms.

IX. New Business:

Biannual Select Board meeting Oct 25 presentation:

Verandah clarified for the Commission what the Selectboard is looking for in the report. The Commission will discuss what it will report and who will report it at the October meeting.

2021 Scarecrow competition:

The commission discussed how last year's event was set up and run. It was suggested that the commission could get a donation of hay from individuals or via Front Porch Forum.

2021 Trunk or Treat:

Trunk or Treat is planned for 10/30/21. There was discussion about where to hold Trunk or Treat this year given the lingering Covid-19 infection rates. Verandah offered to contact Fairground representatives about holding the event there, as we did last year.

Halloween collaboration w/ Library & Conservation Commission:

Verandah spoke about past collaborations with the library at Halloween, but, again, given the uncertainty of the progression of the Pandemic, and the Commission current transition period, the Commission decided not to pursue such an activity this year

Guilford Soccer:

It was reported that Maggie Foley and several other parents have organized a group outside of the GCS to play soccer.

X. Adjournment: 7:30pm