

Town of Middlebury Parks and Recreation



**Betsy Anderson, APRP
Director**

COMMISSIONERS
Ron Clark, Chairman
Jack Worgan
Carolanne Browne
Mike Roach

MIDDLEBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 11, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: Ron Clark, Chairman
Betsy Anderson, Director
Mike Roach
Jack Worgan
Carolanne Browne

Absent:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ron Clark called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Carolanne Browne noted that the Zoom link on the town website is not the same as the meeting link. The recording clerk was asked to rectify this.

APPROVE MINUTES

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Mike Roach and seconded by Ron Clark to **APPROVE** the February 11, 2021 meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GREENWAY REPORT

Ron Clark said the committee consists of 6 members, which due to Covid-19 has gone dormant. They are looking to activate the greenway for its original intent and it seems that the people on the committee are interested in participating.

Ron said there have been inquiries about plowing the greenway in the winter when there is snow. The policy has been to not maintain it in the winter because of the liability to the town. He said he will speak to the town attorney and research the legality of it. He felt they won't have the staff to maintain it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET

Nothing to report

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report

BUILDING AND PARKS

Mike Roach reported there was a meeting between Smash Factory, PYB, himself, Ron Clark, Betsy Anderson and Dana, the town attorney. He felt the meeting went very well. He feels everyone got what they asked for. He felt that if any changes needed to be made in the future they could do that next year if needed.

Ron said that spring time is coming up and the board might want to a walk to check out the parks.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Carolanne Browne said the Valentine Day contest was well received, and the kids were excited to get a goody bag at the end. She noted there is a St Patrick Day limerick contest coming up. She said that a lot of people are asking about access to the parks, and she wasn't aware they were open. Betsy said the parks were opened last Friday. Ron said that as they come out of the winter months, they are hoping to have as much activity as they can handle.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Betsy Anderson reported to the board they have a few seasonal events planned. For grades 3 through 8 they are offering a limerick contest for St Patrick's Day, and they are working on something for Easter as well. The karate and exercise classes are moving forward. They are finalizing plans for the Sky Hawk camp and volleyball camp. There will be a total of 6 camps which includes Middlebury and Woodbury. The planning for the playground camps has started as well, and the supervisors have confirmed they will return this year. Betsy said they are anticipating active field rentals this year as well. School House Park will have lacrosse exclusive rental. TOPPS soccer will be using Shepardson School on Sundays. Smash Factory and Pomperaug will use Quassy Field. Betsy said the boat launch lottery will be staring and they are getting the MRA passes ready for the year.

Jack Worgan said it sounded like there was going to be a lot of activity. He questioned if it was from outside use or if Middlebury residents will get to use the fields. Betsy said that Pomperaug soccer and Rush CT will share the parks. Jack said he just wanted to make sure everyone in town got use of the parks.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Carolanne Browne and seconded by Mike Roach to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:23 PM

cc: Town Clerk
Commission Members
Betsy Anderson
Bill Stowell