



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES*
MAY 16, 2022
VIRTUAL ONLY MEETING**

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

a. Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson Jason Corbin

b. Roll Call

Members: Jason Corbin, Ian Kaiser, Michelle Low, Amy Forbes, Kay Moore, Jennifer Lewer (Joined a few minutes late by phone; had to leave @ 5 p.m.) and Larry Carlson

Alternate: Bob Cruickshank

Absent: NA

Others: Carole Aaron, Select Board Liaison

Guests: None

2. Review of the Minutes from the May 9, 2022, Meeting

a. Motion to approve by: Larry; Seconded by: Michelle Approved 6-0

3. Old Business and Follow-Up Items:

4. Discuss Landscape Architect Presentations and Decide on Next Steps (All)

KM brought the Committee and public up to date. Reviewed the discussions we had on May 9th with Aceto Landscaping, Oak Point and Sebago Technics.

A broad discussion ensued where Committee members provided their feedback. Highlights include:

- All 3 did a great job and are qualified
- Presentations were all good
- Discussion on fees as they ranged from \$7,500 (Sebago) to \$9,500 (Aceto) and \$9,850 (Oak Point). Except for Oak Point, it was not clear what "plus expenses" would include. The only firm that sated their fee as "inclusive" was Oak Point.

- Aceto providing 3 site visits, Sebago 4 and Oak Point said they would allow for 6 visits
- Oak Point – first class firm, 75 employees, very good presentation; can help with grant writing; lot to offer; **KM** Oak Point easiest to deal with, always on time when dealing with questions. **ML**: Took the time to visit Agamenticus Park; not always quality of grant writer but the quality of the architect putting the plan together; all 3 LWCF experience

Motion to approve Oak Point by Larry; seconded by AF; Approved 7-0

a. Bonaire (Michelle)

ML provided an update. Coming up with contingencies. Lost our MC due to Achilles heel surgery but we do have a plan. OVS is ready to go with several events. Stilt walkers, jugglers, face painting etc. Art walk, lobsters off the boat. Need 30 volunteers and we have 9 as of now. 2-hour shifts **KM** and **IK** volunteered. **BC** will speak with pickleball players and will also put in a word at Rotary.

b. Cultural & Recreation Director Position (All)

IK sent a piece to be placed in town newsletter; not sure it will be published. He's not heard anything back from any of the Committee Chairs in response to the letter he sent. Broad discussion and frustration with not having a director and the manner that the position is presented in the warrant.

We, as a Committee, cannot advocate for it. We can bring people's attention to it and ask them to read the facts. We just cannot look like we are campaigning.

c. Upcoming Events: Music in the Park/Cove (Ian/Jason)

IK picked up the posters; sandwich boards should be done in a couple of days; **IK** will take care of distributing on Route 1, **BC** on Shore Road, and **AF** in Perkins Cove. Need volunteers to make announcements.

We also have 2 banners – one for the Cove and one for the Park

Could we have a CSO make announcements – doubtful as not part of their role

d. **Budget (Jason)**

ML has really been the one to manage the budget for the past few years. Not that difficult to put together. Likes to break it down by what we want to do. Only need one number but it is good to break it down if asked.

e. **Chairperson (Jason)**

JC will be leaving when his term expires at the end of June. Must think about what the Committee will do. Additionally, will need to replace **ML** whose term is also expiring and has done a lot of work over the years.

5. **New Business and New Ideas**

a. **Review Tennis-Pickleball Protocol (Kay)**

Proper signage is up now. Kay and Bob will discuss when Kay is back in Ogunquit.

6. **E-Mail Correspondence Since Last Meeting**

Larry: none to speak of. Essentially vendors trying to sell things to the town. Have been forwarding Chamber information as we are a courtesy member. Also e-mail address has been updated to parksrec@ogunquit.gov

7. **Public Comment***

None

8. **Other Business**

a. **Update on Plein Air**

Amy – very close to having the website done. Two sections for voting – professional and amateurs. Some discussion on sponsorships and funding.

9. **Follow-Ups Items**

- Reach out to Matt and Mandy to let them know that we decided and would like to take next steps. **(LC)**

10. **Next meeting**

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Monday June 20, 2022 @ 12 noon. This will be a hybrid meeting

All in favor of adjourning. Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Carlson, Committee Member

****Please note that every effort is made to capture the essence of the meeting in these Minutes; however, they are not an exact replication of all items discussed or comments made. If you would like an actual replay of the meeting, please click on the link below which should allow you to watch the entire May 16, 2022, meeting on Town Hall Streams (Duration:1:42:01).***

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