

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held May 22, 2023 at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

Kathy Andreasen

David Schneiderbeck

Ruth Schnell

Kirby Mullen

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion by Kirby, seconded by Ruth, the minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Director reviewed the department's finances. He said there is \$108,000 in the bank account, including fees paid for island-hopping trips and beach passes.

TRIPS

Don reviewed new trips including island hopping, Yankees-Red Sox game which is filled, a trip to Port Jefferson, a three-day trip to Martha's Vineyard, a Mets-Dodger game, whale-watch, a trip to Lake George/Saratoga, and a trip to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. In the works are trips to Newport, Boston, Vermont, New London and Hammonasset Beach. Also planned are picnics with Morris, and concerts. Kirby said she heard good things about the Lunch and Learn program about lake management. Don said there will be a follow-up at the Warren Beach.

WARREN TOWN BEACH

The Director reviewed improvements being made at the town beach including plantings, a bench donation, kayak racks. He noted that the State starting salary has been increased to \$16 for lifeguards and he believes we will have enough. A proposed joint program with the Warren School will take place at the beach in August.

Don presented a request from the Washington Club, adjacent to the beach. They need additional parking from July 4 to Labor Day and have asked to purchase 10 to 20 day passes from Warren.

The commission members discussed the request, expressing concern that the request might inconvenience Warren residents. After discussion, the Commission voted 4-0 on motion by Kirby, seconded by Kathy, to decline the request of the Washington Club to purchase a block of passes for the Warren Beach.

CONCERTS

Don reviewed the plans for the July 15 Fleetwood Macked concert, noting that help will be needed the night of the concert.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dave, seconded by Kathy, the Committee voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Andreasen