

## **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Members in attendance:** Eric Hoffses, Ali LeBlanc, Arielle Strzelewicz committee members, Crystal Byron Program Coordinator, and Danielle Blanchard town resident.

-The committee welcomes new member Arielle Strzelewicz

- Eric welcomes Danielle Blanchard to the meeting. Danielle expressed interest in potentially joining the Parks and Recreation committee.

- Budget update

Crystal updates the board on the current budget and the spend down for the year. We ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$831.75. Extra funds needed for the irrigation system repairs at Hillside and Manor Park came from programming. Ali asks if any gym activities are able to be reinstated at this time. Crystal will look into any activities other than police academy training that are allowed under the current Covid guidelines. Crystal has been leaving out take-and-make crafts and planning a virtual cupcake decorating classes. Danielle asks how we share the information that crafts and virtual classes are available. Crystal states that residents are utilizing the current opportunities. Danielle will share the information with her Worcester mom's groups.

- Potential Worcester Land Trust project ideas

The Worcester Land Trust has reached out to Parks and Recreation about a potential project together. The GWLT asked about the town's recreational needs. Crystal referenced the Open Space Committee survey for needs. Danielle asks if the open area next to the playground at Hillside could be utilized and available. Ali states that the town does not own the property under the power lines. Ali mentions the area near the road at the town hall driveway entrance. Arielle states it would be very costly to flatten that land. Danielle asks about the swimming area at the old Camp Harrington property. Ali states that she believes that the bacteria water levels may be too high. Crystal states that the cost of the liability of having a town beach would be extremely high. Ali asks who would hold the deed to the land if it is purchased. Arielle states it depends on the purchase agreement.

Ali asks if the topic should be brought to the select board. Crystal suggests we solidify a few ideas to present to the select board. Eric would like to get more information to move forward with the process. The board will utilize the Open Space survey to compile potential projects with GWLT.

Ali motions to end the meeting at 6:26 pm. Arielle seconds. All in favor.