

PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING IN PERSON AND ZOOM
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023
5:15 P.M.

PRESENT:

KAREN SMITH, CHAIR
PAUL GIBBONS, VICE CHAIR
THOMAS NORTON
WILLIAM MEIER
ILANA SIEGAL VIA ZOOM
SRIDEVI REDDY
TERRANCE CHAMBERLAND
JULIE ANIDJAR
STEPHEN BANNON

1. RE-ORGANIZATION:

A. MOTION: Terry Chamberland to nominate Karen Smith as chair and Paul Gibbons as vice chair.

SECOND: Stephen Bannon

MOTION: Bill Meier to nominate Ilana Siegal as Chair

SECOND: Julie Anidjar

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Karen Smith	Karen
	Paul Gibbons	Karen
	Thomas Norton	Karen
	William Meier	Ilana
	Ilana Siegal	Ilana
	Sridevi Reddy	Ilana
	Terrance Chamberland	Karen
	Julie Anidjar	Ilana
	Stephen Bannnon	Karen

MOTION PASSED 5-4

Karen will continue to be chair.

MOTION: Tom Norton to nominate Ilana Siegal as Vice Chair.

SECOND: Julie Anidjar

Ilana accepted.

Stephen Bannon nominated Paul Gibbons as vice chair.

Karen seconded.

Paul Gibbons accepted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Stephen Bannon	Paul
Bill Meier	Ilana
Ilana Siegal	Ilana
Julie Adnidjar	Ilana
Paul Gibbons	abstained
Tom Norton	Ilana
Terry Chamberland	Paul
Sridevi Reddy	Ilana
Karen Smith	Ilana

MOTION PASSED **6-2-1**

2. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**
 A. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 A. Minutes of June 20, 2023 (Roll Call Vote)
MOTION: Terry Chamberland to approve as written.

SECOND: Stephen Bannon
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Karen Smith	Yes
Paul Gibbons	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
William Meier	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Terrance Chamberland	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes

MOTION PASSED **9-0**

PARKS USAGE REQUEST:

- A. Susan Ferlauto for permission to use the Housatonic Community Center for pickle ball coaching sessions on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from Kyle Schermerhorn who is pickle ball coach. (Discussion/Roll Call Vote) Susan Ferlauto was present to explain. She noted that Kyle will make a donation to the town based on the number of hours he teaches. There will be two sessions/\$75.00 per hour/3hours per day or 1 ½ hours per session which amounts to \$112.50. It was noted that the Housatonic Playground has access from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve for four months until we come up with a policy.
SECOND: Tom Norton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Karen Smith	Yes
William Meier	Yes
Terrance Chamberland	Yes
Stephen Bannon	Yes
Julie Anidjar	Yes
Sridevi Reddy	Yes
Thomas Norton	Yes
Ilana Siegal	Yes
Paul Gibbons	No

MOTION PASSED **8-1**

Karen and Ilana will compose a policy on fees. It was noted that Pickle Ball uses Team Reach for scheduling.

5. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Joe Aberdale – He noted the playground equipment has been removed from Grove Street Park because it was not safe. Dewey Park – the swings are fixed. Benches were put in.

Lake Mansfield Alliance purchased two more benches for Lake Mansfield and assembled them. William Walsh noted that the entrance to East Rock is a mess. The brush will be cut back so people can park.

Stockbridge has kayak racks at their town beach. There was a discussion about putting them at Lake Mansfield.

The grills are on the list to be replaced at Lake Mansfield. It was discussed installing a swim raft in the lake.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Berkshire South Regional Community Center – Mark Delsignore said they are stationing one supervisor for lifeguarding at the lake. The lifeguards are called in if the weather is bad.

Housatonic Playground has been very quiet.

B. Railroad Street Youth Project – Molly Lovejoy stated that the staff has been trained. Devon Wagner was also present. It was noted that the skate bowl needs maintenance. Stephen Bannon suggested that it be priced out to find out how much it will cost to repair the bowl. There is no staff there if it is raining or storming. It was requested that a portable a/c unit be put in the shed. After discussion, inputting shade sails would provide shade. Triangle shades will be priced out.

Devon said Railroad Street would like to have a skate competition at the skate park on August 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There would be music. He would have to go before the Select Board for permission.

MOTION: Terry Chamberland approve Railroad Street Youth to use the skate park on the 19th of August from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. so they can then meet with the Selectmen.

SECOND: Ilana

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Karen Smith	Yes
	William Meier	Yes
	Terrance Chamberland	Yes
	Stephen Bannon	No
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Sridevi Reddy	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	Ilana Siegal	Yes
	Paul Gibbons	Yes

MOTION PASSED **8-1**

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Dewey and Grove Street Park – Schematics from Tighe and Bond

Picnic tables were put in at Grove Street Park. There are swings there. Karen noted that she would like the committee to come up with at least two pieces of equipment that can be put in at Grove Street. Julie said she would like the strap swings replaced with the flat seats. Also a rope climbing pyramid structure and a metal slide and a flat platform structure.

CITIZEN SPEAK:

Nic from Everett Street said he would like to see equipment for older kids as well as younger ones.

Margaret Parrish said there are excessive weeds at the lake.

COMMISSIONERS SPEAK:

Tom wants to follow-up about the care and maintenance of our baseball fields. Our policy has been left up to the ones who use it for maintenance. He thinks that is too much to ask and the town should maintain them. We should put money in the budget to open the fields in the spring and close them in the fall.

Sridevi said she would like to see a water feature at the Housatonic Park.

Terry asked why the gazebo is being moved. A final plan will come before the select board who will make the decision.

Paul said we should do a small number of projects and do them well.

MOTION: Ilana Siegal to adjourn.

SECOND: Karen Smith

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Karen Smith	Yes
	William Meier	Yes
	Terrance Chamberland	Yes
	Stephen Bannon	Yes
	Julie Anidjar	Yes
	Sridevi Reddy	Yes
	Thomas Norton	Yes
	Paul Gibbons	Yes
	Ilana Siegal	Yes

MOTION PASSED **9-0**

The meeting adjourned at about 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Recording Clerk