



Charlotte Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes April 1, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Chair Juliann Phelps. Members present: Sayuri Koerner, Robin Reid, Brandon Tieso, and Maura O'Dea-Wygmans.

Also in attendance: Recreation Director Nicole Conley, Bud Shriner, Natalie Kanner, Emily Vatis, Bill Fraser-Harris, Paul Plante, and one attendee via Samsung device.

Public Comments and Communication

Ice Rink Update (Bill Fraser-Harris)

- The ice rink is closed and missing hockey goals due to theft. The rink has been cleaned up and now needs a lock for the goals to prevent further theft.
- Two out of the three required hoses are currently available. A 50ft, 3in hose is needed. Bill will provide the specifications to Juliann. Funds are available in the current fiscal year's recreation budget for the hose purchase.
- Further investment in the warming hut was questioned due to increasing weather challenges. Alternative uses for the ice rink will be discussed at a future meeting.

Fred St. George Memorial Beach Ramp (Bud Shriner)

- A quote for rough cedar from an Albany mill was received at approximately \$500, not including planing, installation, fasteners or sleepers. The ramp could be constructed in removable sections.
- White cedar has an estimated 15+ year lifespan if properly treated. Ongoing maintenance requirements are unknown at this time.
- The project will be revisited for formal discussion and planning, including the need for a concrete pad, at the May meeting.

Minutes Approval

- January and March meeting minutes were approved with the addition of the minute-taker's name and a signature line for the chair.
- Motion to approve January minutes by Robin, seconded by Brandon. Unanimously approved.
- Motion to approve March minutes by Elissa, seconded by Brandon. Unanimously approved.

Recreation Director's Update (Nicole Conley)

- The next Selectboard meeting will review a draft fire ordinance and an RFP for a new septic pump at Fred St. George Memorial Beach.
- The town is awaiting response on a \$17,000 grant application. If awarded, earmarked funds could be reallocated.
- The commission's recommendation to increase out-of-town annual beach passes to \$60 with no second passes will be implemented.
- The upcoming eclipse is expected to strain recreation resources for cleanup. A carry in/carry out trash request will be emailed to the public.
- No recreation event is planned at the beach due to the library event location miscommunication.

Beach Parking and Staffing Discussion

- The commission has authority to implement and decide on parking fees, but lacks time and resources to control or charge for parking during the eclipse. A proposed \$100 per car fee was supported by some members if charging is pursued in the future.

Commission Reappointments

- Robin Reid and Sy Koerner are up for reappointment and have expressed interest in continuing to serve.

Tennis Court Reopening (Bill Fraser-Harris)

- Opening may be delayed to May 1 to allow for drying and water level reduction to address "dead spots" and extend court lifespan per contractor recommendation.
- Subcommittee will assess conditions after the next rainfall to determine impact on opening date. Current conditions appear playable with water levels receding.
- Warranty covers only crack reappearance in the new "armor" surface material, not surrounding areas.
- Motion by Brandon, seconded by Robin, to open courts on April 9 pending subcommittee assessment, with further access at users' discretion. Approved 4-1.

Bulletin Board Construction

- Classic Home offered to donate materials and construct a 40"x48" board for \$235-375 depending on plexiglass cost, to be ready in April. Bud offered to donate the plexiglass.
- Sy motioned, Robin seconded to approve up to \$375 payment to Classic Home for the bulletin board. Unanimously approved, superseding previous third-party vendor approval.

Beach Event Policy Revisions

- For small events, applications should be submitted 7 business days prior to the event date with a response provided within 5 business days. Payment must be received 2 business days before the event.
- Policy intent is to foster communication and town awareness of beach gatherings, not to create an enforcement environment.
- Motion by Brandon, seconded by Robin to approve the revised policy. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

- Musical group fundraising opportunity to be discussed in May.
- Beach cleanup date set for May 18-19 with a May 25 rain date. Supply needs list to be compiled at the May meeting.
- Charlotte Central School 5th graders may repaint the beach bathroom.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM. Motion by Sy, seconded by Brandon. Unanimously approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon D. Tieso', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Brandon D. Tieso