

# Minutes of Short Beach Commission meeting

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**August 3, 2015**

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting as duly posted on Monday August 3, 2015 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. **Call to Order:** In the absence of Chairman Massey, Councilman Santi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Members Present:** Councilman J. Santi, Electorate members S. Barksdale, K. Daden, R. Barry, R. Jaekle, P. Pulaski

**Others Present:** B. Szymanski, R. Fraioli, C. Esposito, M. McCarthy, W. O'Brien, D. Ponzio, L. Reid

**Members Absent:** Councilmen Massey

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Daden made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barry and carried unanimously.

III. **Complex Superintendent Report:** Mr. Esposito reported bocci courts have been started and should be complete by this weekend. A roadside arm has been purchased. Mr. Esposito distributed and reviewed golf course sales from June 2014 to June 2015. Sales up due to rate increase. He informed the Commission he has met with a consultant regarding the irrigation system which will be going out to bid. Hopefully will begin in the fall.

IV. **Golf Course Sub-Committee Report:**

**A. Course Superintendent** – Mr. Szymanski reported they have been fixing irrigation heads, working on agronomics and fertilizing in conjunction with regular maintenance. Commissioners discussed drinking water.

**B. Restaurant** – Mr. McCarthy reported starting on the patio and sidewalk replacement, sewer work and starting to move gas line. Still need to do electrical work, sheet rock and floor installation. Should be complete September or October. Ms. Daden questioned wording of RFP – 5 yr. lease vs. 1 yr. lease. Will check with the Town Attorney for clarification.

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V. **Golf Pro Report:** — Mr. Fraioli reviewed submitted report for June 2015. Weather had been challenging in June. WEBE barter on hold – Commissioners discussed barter program. Mr. Fraioli noted he had paid ads out of pocket. Mr. McCarthy reiterated this can be submitted to Public Works for reimbursement. He also noted any fee change has to go to Town Council for approval.

VI. **Beach Sub-Committee Report:** Ms. Daden reported Blues on the Beach was a great event this year. Discussed with the Commission problem with shortage of lifeguards and non-designated swim area. Suggested anchored buoys and signage to designate swim area. Also discussed problem with lifeguard over the weekend.

Mr. Jaekle discussed the movie nights – First night approximately two-hundred (200) people attended; second night in excess of two hundred (200) people were in attendance. Friends of Short Beach have sponsored these events with a minimum expense of between \$175-200. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, a double feature will be presented. Suggested sponsoring an Art Festival.

VII. **Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Report:** Mr. Barksdale discussed the projects and timelines referring to the Strategic Plan. Mr. McCarthy suggested bring to fruition as soon as possible being that town projects will begin in September. Commissioners discussed tennis court repair at Short Beach.

VIII. **Other Business** —

**1) Fee Waivers** –

a. **Narcotics Anonymous** – Ms. Daden suggested collecting reduced fees instead of waiving fee starting next year. **Ms. Daden made a motion to waive parking fee for narcotics anonymous subject to obtaining required permits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.**

b. **Discussion of contract for Golf Pro** – Ms. Daden noted Mr. Fraiolos' contract is up in six (6) months and questioned instead of a one-year contract if it could be extended to a 2-5 year contract.

Mr. O'Brien requested waiving fee for Rotary Tournament in September and October. Councilman Santi informed Mr. O'Brien fee waivers would have to go through the Town Council.

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**Ms. Daden made a motion to waive the rules. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Ponzio and Mr. Reid, members of a car club, are requesting a discounted parking fee for a car show planned for Labor Day weekend. Possible non-resident fee 50% off with car show flyer. Petitioners were informed that insurance needs to be taken out because of liability. Commissioners discussed permit and insurance.

IX. **Adjournment** — There being no further items to discuss, Councilman Santi entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Daden and seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail De Cilio