

January 4, 2016

Short Beach Commission Special Meeting

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a special meeting as duly posted on Monday January 4, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Massey called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: J. Santi, S. Barksdale, K. Daden, R. Jaekle

Others Present: B. Szymanski, C. Esposito

Members Absent: P. Pulaski, R. Berry

Others Present: Councilwoman B. Daponte, T. Manus, S. Farrington

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Daden made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle and carried unanimously.

III. **Vote for Chair and Vice-Chair:**

Mr. Jaekle made a motion to nominate Karen Daden as Chairman for the year 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Daden made a motion to nominate Mr. Barksdale as Vice-Chairman for the year 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Golf Course Committee Report:**

A. Course Superintendent –Mr. Szymanski will now be in charge of the complex because of cost cutting there will be no golf course manager. Due to the warm weather monies for course are on the upswing

B. Restaurant - Should be open in March – vendor would like to offer dinner service. Hours will be until 10p.m. unless a special event is scheduled.

C. Irrigation System – Installation will begin in the spring – members discussed projected time and cost of installation. Ms. Daponte

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questioned if the irrigation system could be postponed. Mr. Esposito noted system was installed in 1988 and needs to be replaced.

D. Winterization of Course: Course closed - winterizing of equipment has been completed.

V. Beach Committee Report:

A. Friends of Short Beach: Mr. Jaekle distributed and reviewed 2016 Season Preview. Discussed schedule of events, advertising/marketing campaign and previewed "Friends of Short Beach" website. Informed the Commission that Four Roads Brewery is interested in promoting concert events and he is hoping this will offset some of the cost. He also discussed having artists display works at the beach.

He discussed Mobimat Mobility Material with the Commissioners. Noted that an application for a block grant for \$30K will be submitted. Mr. Esposito questioned liability and moveability of mats. Ms. Daponte suggested sand wheelchairs.

B. Parking/No Parking Signage: Commissioners suggested installing a no parking for beach sign at the golf course.

New Business:

1. Seasonal Passes to Beach:

a. Town Code needs to be changed to read seasonal beach pass cost is \$75.00

2. Ancillary Streams of Revenue: Ms. Daden was under the impression that the revenue stream from the golf course would go to the course. She was informed by the Financial Director that these monies would go into the General Funds along with the gate revenue. Mr. Santi noted the Ordinance would have to be adjusted to change this procedure. Ms. Daponte suggested the Commission submit a report to the Town Council to discuss this issue. Mr. Esposito will have a report on golf revenues for Ms. Daponte next month.

3. New Websites: Introduced

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Discussion ensued on USGA and First Tee grants.

Ms. Daponte informed the Commission that the Town Council appoints Commission members whose terms are up. Mr. Barksdale voiced that he would like to remain on the Commission.

Mr. Jaekle introduced Chris Murphy who would like to be a member of the Commission.

IX. **Adjournment** — There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Barksdale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail De Cilio