

**February 1, 2016**

**Short Beach Commission Meeting**

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a meeting as duly posted on Monday February 1, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. **Call to Order:** K. Daden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Councilman A. Llewelyn, S. Barksdale, K. Daden, R. Jaekle, P. Pulaski

**Others Present:** C. Esposito, Parks Superintendent, Councilwoman B. Daponte, Councilwoman T. Manus

**Members Absent:** None

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Jaekle made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016 with the correction under sub-title V paragraph a. should read Two Roads Brewery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pulaski and carried unanimously.

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

**Ms. Daden made a motion upon advice of Town Attorney Hodgson per Roberts Rules of Order to change the practice of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman be the automatic Chairman of the Short Beach Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried 5-1 with Chairwoman Daponte abstaining.** Discussion ensued on the tradition of automatic chairmanship going to the 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman.

**Councilwoman Daponte made a motion to elect Councilman Llewelyn Chairman of the Short Beach Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. Seeing no other nominations, Mr. Llewelyn was elected Chairman unanimously.**

Noted a chairman pro-tempe can be elected at the time of the meeting if the Chairman is absent.

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### IV. **Golf Course Committee Report:**

**A. Course Superintendent** – Mr. Esposito reported that the course closed for the season. Mr. Esposito distributed, reviewed and entered into record “Short Beach Golf Rounds Report Comparison”. He noted that even with the increase in rate the course continues to grow. Conditions are great and the course is due to reopen on Good Friday weather permitting.

Mr. Pulaski suggested hiring a golf pro on an hourly basis to oversee and promote the course. Ms. Manus suggested the pro be hired on a barter system. **Ms. Daden made a motion to investigate the hiring of a part-time professional and add this to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Llewelyn. The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Restaurant** - Mr. Esposito reported moving forward – tentative opening March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Daponte noted contract has not yet been signed.

**C. Winterization** – Mr. Esposito reported winterization has been completed and everything is shut down for season.

### V. **Beach Committee Report**

**A. Safe Swimming Area and Designated Boating Area** – Ms. Daden reported that swimming and boating areas will be designated by buoys – Mr. McCarthy is working on this for the upcoming summer season.

**B. Friends of Short Beach** – Mr. Jaekle distributed and reviewed “Friends of Short Beach 2016 Season Update/Summary”. Introduced Colby Nolan (marketing), Alicia Cobb (painter), Greg Owen (theatrical) and Rich Fredette (Arts Commission). He noted the Arts Commission donated \$1,000 and Nuovo Pasta donated \$1,500 to implement projects put forth. Mr. Jaekle has also applied for a Block Grant.

Discussed teen and tween activities which will take place from 5-9p.m. on Saturdays starting after Memorial Day. Meeting this evening at 8p.m.

Bocci Ball Tournaments and Sock Hops for seniors. Meeting will take place February 5<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m.

VI. **General Questions for Park Superintendent** – Commissioners discussed kayak and canoe racks in conjunction with the swim areas. It was noted these should not be used for overnight storage. Mr. Jaekle introduced proposal for posts which would cost approximately \$60.

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Mr. Esposito said he is in the process of having Dave Wright create a separate email account for items related to Short Beach. **Mr. Barksdale made a motion to have a special email account for Mr. Esposito for items related to Short Beach. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.**

### VII. Revenue Streams to Park Complex –

**A. Request for Line Item for Advertising and Marketing – Ms. Daden made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.**

### New Business –

**a. Pavilion Fees –** Commissioners discussed fees for out-of-towners attending functions as guests of residents who have rented pavilions. There is a ½ price policy through the Recreation Department which should be emphasized at time of pavilion rentals.

G. Forrester, Board Director of Brakettes, is requesting a fee waiver for a summer reunion for the Brakettes on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that this Commission does not have the authority to waive fees. **Mr. Jaekle made a motion to send the fee waiver for the Brakettes to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.**

P. Matto, Swim Across the Sound, is also requesting a fee waiver. **Ms. Daden made a motion to send the fee waiver for Swim Across the Sound to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.**

**b. Barnum Festival at Short Beach Fund Raiser –** This item will be removed from the agenda

**c. Teen and Tween Activities at Short Beach – Ms. Daden made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pulaski. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail De Cilio