APPROVED Minutes of the Truro Recreation Advisory Committee

April 24, 2023

Truro Central School, Media Center

Attending: Chelsea Loughran, Drew Locke, Christine McGee, Damion Clements, Austin Smith, Peter Morris, Beth Cook (arrived at 4:23 p.m.), Kait Blehm (Representative from Truro LCPC).

- 1. The Committee voted on the drafted and previously circulated minutes from the March 14, 2023 Minutes. The Committee voted to approve the minutes as circulated (3-0).
- 2. The Committee discussed the proposed pricing structure for the Truro Summer Recreation program and the changes in fees over last year.
 - a. Damion explained that the middle pricing tier is being eliminated and both resident and nonresident is raised, while under the current budget, the afternoon portion has to be sustainable/ pay for itself.
 - b. The group discussed issues of equity and affordability and discussed changing the sustainability requirement of the afternoon portion of the program to a different model in the future.
 - c. The Committee voted to approve the current proposed new fee structure (4-0). This proposal will go to the Select Board on May 10.
 - d. The Committee also agreed to come back to the issue of the sustainability requirement for the afternoon portion of the program in the fall prior to the budget task force to see if the Rec Department can find a solution to make the morning and afternoon the same price.
- 3. Kait Blehm attended the meeting as a representative from the Truro Long Range Comprehensive Planning Committee ("LCPC") to discuss the LCPC 5-year plan.
 - a. She gave a background on the Long Range Comprehensive Planning process and discussed the LCPC draft vision statement and draft versions of the LCP Goals and Objectives.
 - The Committee discussed and agreed to each come up with 5 action steps each and circulate those to Chelsea for discussion and then transmission/recommendation to the LCPC.
- 4. The Committee heard from Austin Smith who provided the Director's Report:
 - a. Summer Recreation Program:
 - The Rec Department had 10 signed-on rec summer employees (including supervisor and assistant supervisor). Lifeguards have been hired; looking for 2-3 more staff.
 - ii. The Department is planning to send the summer calendar out soon given that staff has been hired.
 - iii. The Department expects to see more nonresident registrants
 - iv. Last year the program ran with avg 25 kids a day, looking towards 50-60 kids a day for 2023.
 - b. Staffing for the beach office is looking good, but the Department still needs to hire additional attendants.

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- c. Saturday Open Gym Program for Teens:
 - This program has been open but only 2 sign-ups and a bunch of no-shows (preregistration required). Austin is reaching out to Wellfleet for potential collaboration.
 - ii. The Committee discussed ideas for attracting teens to such events:
 - 1. Food
 - 2. Evening times
 - 3. Two possible movie nights.
- d. Volunteer Appreciation Initiative: Planning to have a reception at the community center, early June. Plans underway.
- 5. With no further business, the Committee voted to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

