



**TOWN OF HUDSON  
PARK COMMISSION**  
Division of Recreation  
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**PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES**  
**April 14, 2021**  
**Via REMOTE ZOOM at 8:15pm**

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Park Commission meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Hudson website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.*

***The Hudson Park Commission meeting will be held via a Zoom Meeting (Internet)***  
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*Topic: Park Commission Meeting*  
*Time: Apr 14, 2021 08:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

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### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 8:16pm. Members present were Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos and Mr. Hannon.

Mr. Bowen dispensed with the reading of the statement regarding Zoom virtual meetings and Governor Baker's statement on the Covid-19 virus & Open Meeting Law, as all those present were familiar with the statement, the meeting procedures and no one other than those listed above were present.

### **2. Minutes to Approve:**

A. Public Session – March 24, 2021

Mr. Chaves motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

### **3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:**

A. None

### **4. Personnel:**

Mr. Santos requested that Mr. Hannon provide the Commission with a brief update on status of summer employment applications.

Mr. Hannon stated that Hudson Recreation had received approximately 60 applications, where normally at this time, 80 applications would have been received. Of the applications received, approximately 50% are from new prospective employees and that this expected high rate of turnover could be due to no jobs available/offered in 2020, or this could in fact be a transition year where older staff members are aging out and moving on. Additionally, that the Recreation Department intends to bring on Supervisors soon to begin planning summer programs and then will fill all other positions in the coming months.

Mr. Bowen asked how many people were employed in summer 2019. Mr. Santos replied a little over 70.

Mr. Chaves stated that hiring at this time, is tough across all industries and that the Recreation staff should let the commissioners know if they need more assistance in soliciting employees. Mr. Chaves then asked the if there was a minimum age to work. Mr. Santos replied saying that at times employees have been as young as 15 years of age.

Mr. Hannon concluded, by saying that there is still a lot of uncertainty due to Covid and many people may still not know what they want to do this summer; if they will be in town; be travelling or ultimately want to be working at Hudson Recreation or anywhere else.

### **5. Director's Report:**

None

### **6. New Business:**

None

### **7. Old Business:**

A. Centennial Beach Renovation Project Update

Mr. Santos stated that work was still progressing. The following items were all currently taking place or are scheduled to take place in the next few weeks; concrete is completed from the parking lot down, parking lot binder is down, granite has been installed; work next week will include: plantings, final site electrical, start of final plumbing, and millings on access road and walkway. Once electrical is done, Hudson Light and Power will be able to turn on electricity to the site.

#### B. Centennial Beach Summer 2021 Parking Access

Mr. Santos stated that he had planned to connect with Police Chief DiPersio to discuss this matter, but was unable to do so due to scheduling conflicts. Also, as previously discussed, it was recommended the Park Commission consider meeting with ITC to discuss any on street parking issues, relative to the beach. However, ITC has cancelled its April meeting and will now not meet until May. Mr. Santos asked if there was a commissioner who would like to take the lead on continuing this discussion. Mr. Bowen noted that this is an “important piece of what we’re trying to do” and volunteered to be the Park Commission’s designee to discuss matters and challenges with both the Police Chief and ITC. Mr. Santos informed the Commission that the City of Marlboro has decided to enforce resident only parking access for Summer 2021. Vehicles are checked before being allowed to enter the parking lot, however, walk-ins are not subject to residency verification. Mr. Santos stated that he was going to connect with some other surrounding communities that have waterfront facilities, to see if they had any restrictions planned around resident vs non-resident access this coming summer at their facilities.

#### **8. Communications and/or Correspondence to be noted by Commissioners:**

Emails from M. Shepard, R. Arnaud and E. Beirne regarding Centennial Beach Parking  
Commissioners noted receipt of emails.

#### **9. Announcements/Adjournment**

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that the Recreation Department would not be considering Facility Use request from non-Hudson/outside groups until the first or second week of May at the earliest. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves supported this.

Mr. Chaves inquired about the status of the Riverwalk Project. Mr. Santos said the project was going well and that all major construction within the Cellucci Park section of the project should be completed in the next 1-2 weeks.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:46pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve:	Mr. Bowen
Second:	Mr. Chaves
Vote:	3 – 0, in favor
Date:	May 5, 2021