



**TOWN OF HUDSON  
PARK COMMISSION**  
Division of Recreation  
Town Hall  
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**PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES**  
**June 1, 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.*

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Topic: Park Commission Meeting  
Time: Jun 1, 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 8:18pm. 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. Election of Officers:**

Chairman

Mr. Chaves motioned to nominate Mr. Bowen as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Bowen motioned to nominate Mr. Chaves as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Bowen motioned to nominate Mr. Chaves to serve, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

### **3. Minutes to Approve:**

A. Public Session – May 5, 2021

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

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

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

A. None

### **5. Personnel:**

A. Park Commission to consider Summer 2021 Part-Time Seasonal Employees

Mr. Santos reviewed the list of employees, stating that the Recreation Department was still actively seeking and soliciting additional employees.

Mr. Chaves asked how many of the employees on the list were Hudson residents. Mr. Santos replied stating that the vast majority of them were Hudson residents.

Mr. Bowen made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote 2 - 0, in favor

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

A. Beach Project Update

Mr. Santos provided the Commission with an update on what items remained to be completed. These included: sod, final plantings, installation of site furnishings, completion of chain-link gates, etc. Additionally, Mr. Santos stated that he had recently approved of a project change order that included the installation of additional sod in some areas that had been previously hydroseeded.

B. Summer Program Update

Mr. Santos stated that summer program information would soon be released and available to the general public, as well as details on access to Centennial Beach. Stating further that Beach Parking Passes would go on sale on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the beach would be opening on June 14<sup>th</sup>, the splash pad would open mid-late June and that all other program registration would start on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. New Business:**

A. Park Commission to discuss and consider changes to Centennial Beach Rules

Mr. Santos presented changes to the Centennial Beach Rules for consideration; as follows:

-Added "with exception of service animals", #3

-Added "property", #3

-Added "Launching of non-motorized watercraft allowed only in designated areas #7

-Replace "land" with "property", #10

-Changed "Bathers must keep inside marked beach areas" to "Swimmers must keep inside marked swimming areas", #12

-Replace "Lifeguards" with "beach staff", #14

-Remove "Patrons are allowed to use approved grills in open spaces", #18

-Remove "in any park", #19

-Changed "Non-resident Day Passes are not sold on the Weekends or Holidays" to "Restrictions apply to the sale of Non-Resident Day and Season Passes, as determined seasonally by the Park Commission", #20

-Added note, "The Park Commission reserves the right to update and or alter rules and regulations at any time."

-Added:

22. No grilling allowed without written approval from Hudson Recreation.

23. No Littering.

24. Use of framed or canopy style tents is prohibited without written approval from Hudson Recreation.

25. Staking into, digging or disturbing any grass areas is strictly prohibited.

26. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult, at all times.

27. Access to beach property only allowed between 6am and 9pm. Violators subject to trespassing.

28. Day passes sold, have no cash value and cannot be credited towards season passes.

Mr. Santos then explained that past practice has allowed people to turn in their day passes, at the Recreation Office for a credit in the amount what they paid at the beach, towards a season pass. Rule #28, would eliminate that practice in the future.

Discussion followed specific to proposed new rule #28.

Mr. Chaves stated this policy change lines up with what he has experienced across all State Parks he has visited, with an option to buy a day or season pass but no option to turn in a day pass for credit towards a season pass.

Mr. Bowen stated that he supported this change to past practice and new rule #28, as written.

Mr. Bowen motioned to accept the changes to beach rules as presented, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

Note: Mr. Roan joined the meeting

Mr. Bowen asked for the current parking rates. Mr. Santos replied for residents it was \$5/day and \$20/season.

Discussion following regarding the current parking rates. Mr. Santos suggested that while he expects fees may need to be significantly increased to offset the new facility operating costs, this may not be the summer to make those adjustments, as those additional costs are unknown. Mr. Santos also stated that for many years there have been requests to offer a parking pass at a discounted rate for seniors.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjust seasonal parking fees for residents to \$5.00 daily, \$20.00 season (residents 65+) and \$30.00 season (all other residents), effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Roan and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

## **8. Old Business:**

A. Recreation Director to provide Park Commission with update from ITC Meeting (5/21/21) relative to Agenda Item "Appointment with Director of Recreation to discuss parking at Centennial Beach  
Mr. Santos reviewed the items discussed at the ITC meeting and read the Memos from Kristina Johnson on behalf of the ITC, dated May 28, 2021 that was submitted to the Select Board.  
Discussion followed.

Mr. Chaves motioned to have Mr. Santos send a memo to the Select Board for their meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>, stating that the Park Commission supports of the proposed changes to the current restricted parking regulations on Fort Meadow drive, as described in the Memo from Kristina Johnson on behalf of the ITC, dated May 28, 2021 to the Select Board; and that the Park Commission would support the additional change to the restricted regulation, amending parking times from 9am-7pm to 9am-9pm; and that the Park Commissions overall support of these amendments was based on the assumption that a parking placard program would be created in coordination with the changes, to allow residents within this restricted parking zone the ability to park in front of their homes at all times. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

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

A. None

**10. Announcements/Adjournment**

Next two meeting on June 9 at 8:15pm and June 23 at 7:00pm

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 9:25pm, seconded by Mr. Roan and carried...

Vote: 3 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve:	Mr. Bowen
Second:	Mr. Chaves
Vote:	2 – 0, in favor
Date:	June 9, 2021