

# TOWN OF HUDSON PARK COMMISSION

# **Division of Recreation**

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# PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES June 9, 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: Jun 9, 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.

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 – June 1, 2021

 $\label{eq:main_model} \mbox{Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by \mbox{Mr. Chaves and carried...}}$ 

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

# 3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. None

#### 4. Personnel:

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

Mr. Bowen made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried... Vote 2 - 0, in favor

# 5. Director's Report:

A. Beach Project Update

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that the final project punch list was being developed and that all major project work had been completed.

B. Summer Program Update

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that programs registrations we strong and enrollment was where they had expected.

#### 6. New Business:

A. Park Commission to discuss renewing temporary construction fence contract through summer months at Lakeshore Drive

Mr. Santos stated that he'd prefer to keep the construction fencing located at the entrance to the beach property off of Lakeshore Drive in place throughout the summer as a means of limiting access, from folks who may visit the beach via walking over from Marlborough. While it would also limit access to the facility for residents who live on Lakeshore, Mr. Santos felt this would be the best approach for this upcoming summer, stating further that the cost to do so would be anywhere from \$850.00-\$1,250.00.

Mr. Chaves motioned to keep the construction fencing in place, seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

B. Park Commission to discuss Beach staffing options to start Summer 2021 season, due to shortage of lifeguards

Mr. Santos stated that he was unsure if he would have enough lifeguards to staff the beach between June 14 – June 22. This was due to a lack of certified lifeguards. However, he would be running a lifeguard training course, that would be completed by June 22 and at that time, those newly certified guards would begin working immediately. Mr. Santos, stated that he would have staff at the beach once opened but it may not be certified lifeguards.

Mr. Chaves asked if the facility had ever been operated in this way in the past. Mr. Santos, replied saying he could not recall a time that this may have occurred in the past.

Mr. Santos stated the that there is always the option keep the beach closed until lifeguards are available to work but folks are excited about the new facility, would most likely push back on that

decision and go down to the beach regardless.

Mr. Bowen stated that having some staff on site, despite not being lifeguards, is better than not having any and felt that we'd be "making the best out of a bad situation".

## 7. Old Business:

A. None

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

A. None

# 9. Announcements/Adjournment

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that he had not submitted an application to CPC requesting funding for any projects to be voted on at the November Town Meeting.

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that the Select Board reviewed the proposed restricted parking regulation changes for the Centennial Beach neighborhood, at their meeting held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Stating further that the changes were well received and supported by the Select Board. However, the Select Board recommended that the parking placard program, which they also support, go back before ITC for further review and development, only to then be resubmitted to the Select Board for final approval and adoption.

Next meeting June 23 at 7:00pm. Mr. Santos requested an additional meeting prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to review and approve additional summer seasonal staff, exact date TBD.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:57pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve: Mr. Chaves
Second: Mr. Roan
Vote: 3 – 0, in favor
Date: June 23, 2021