



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION**
Division of Recreation
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**PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES
July 27, 2021
Via REMOTE ZOOM at 7:00pm**

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: Jul 27, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Members present were Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos. Mr. Roan joined the meeting at approximately 7:49pm.

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 23, 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:

A. None

5. Director's Report:

Mr. Santos informed the Park Commission of all upcoming summer tournaments and special events to be held at various locations during the late summer months. Events reviewed were: Legion Baseball Districts, Demo Softball Tournament & HYF&C/Central Mass Youth Football Jamboree.

B. Centennial Beach Staffing and Facility Use Update

Mr. Santos reviewed beach use to date stating that the parking lot had not yet filled up to capacity on any day throughout the summer and that all newly trained lifeguards have been performing well. Additionally, Mr. Santos stated that they have noticed an increase in the number of older people using the facility, which he believes is due to the improved accessibility across the site.

C. Centennial Beach Access – post summer season

Mr. Santos stated that he was working to see what staff would be available for any potential beach season extension. However, he felt strongly that there would not be enough staff to safely operate with lifeguards on duty.

Mr. Chaves stated that he would like to see the beach remain open through labor day, however staffing may not allow for it and therefore is OK with August 22, 2021 being the final day of the summer 2021 season.

Mr. Bowen stated that perhaps it could remain open thru Labor Day with limited hours.

Mr. Santos stated that he did not feel comfortable having the gate open without staff on site from August 23 thru Labor Day, as many area beaches are closing either August 15th or 22nd which could create an uptick in people coming to our facility without any supervision.

Mr. Chaves asked if there were any cameras installed at the beach that could help mitigate or monitor this concern. Mr. Santos replied saying that while cameras are slated to be installed at the beach, none have been installed to date and may not be installed until later this fall.

Mr. Santos suggested the Park Commission re-evaluate this topic at their next meeting, at which time he would have a final list of staff availability.

6. New Business:

A. None

7. Old Business:

A. Centennial Beach Renovation Project Update

Mr. Santos informed the Park Commission that...

-Weston & Sampson (project designer) met with Recreation staff and the project manager from Cataldo immediately following tropical storm Elsa to assess the damage (erosion/washout) that had occurred. Additionally, that they would be putting together an estimate to both design and implement a solution to mitigate future storm impacts for larger scale events such as Elsa.

-During the fall of 2021 benches, the beach entrance sign and final project punch list items would all be completed.

-Beach mowing would be contracted out for the remainder of the season and paid for via the Recreation Revolving Fund.

Mr. Santos asked the Commission if they had a preference as to when the construction fence along Lakeshore Drive construction should be removed. Commissioners stated they had no preference and would leave it up to Recreation Department to make decision.

B. Discuss Non-Resident access to Centennial Beach for remainder of Summer 2021

Mr. Santos stated that while he had originally considered encouraging the Park Commission to allow non-resident parking access to the beach during the end of the summer season, at this time he felt strongly that the current policy should remain in place and potentially be evaluated at a later date for the future. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves both stated that they preferred to keep current policy on parking access in place until further notice.

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

A. Email notice from Hudson B.I.D. regarding Electronic Sign/Message Board on ARRT
Commission acknowledged email.

9. Announcements/Adjournment

A. Discuss potential future meeting dates and times

Mr. Bowen informed all those in attendance of his work schedule and suggested meetings be held on school ½ days, if possible. Mr. Chaves stated that he prefers evening meetings, if possible. Mr. Santos to review HPS calendar and revisit this topic with the Park Commission as their next meeting.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for August 19th at 7:00pm.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:04pm, 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: August 19, 2021