



**TOWN OF HUDSON  
PARK COMMISSION**  
Division of Recreation  
Town Hall  
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**PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES**  
**August 19, 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: Aug 19, 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 7:00pm. 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 – July 27, 2021

Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Chaves 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 that he had received the FY23 budget schedule which was similar to years past.

Mr. Bowen asked if there was any directive or budget preparation guidance provided by the EA's office to which Mr. Santos replied, no.

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

A. Park Commission to consider extending Summer 2021 Beach Dates and Hours of Operation

Mr. Santos presented the Park Commission with a list of staff availability and anticipated payroll costs associated with extending the beach season, as well as patron usage #'s recently collected as a means of gauging recent visitations during the afternoon and evening hours. Additionally, Mr. Santos stated that he did not have sufficient lifeguards to operate the facility as they had previously this summer, with lifeguards on duty. Therefore, if they remained open after August 22<sup>nd</sup>, while the facility could be staffed with limited personnel, it could not be staffed with lifeguards on duty. In closing Mr. Santos stated that there would not be sufficient staff to operate the facility after August 29<sup>th</sup> and advised against having the facility open with no staff on duty at any time from August 22 through Labor Day.

Mr. Chaves stated that he supported the beach staying open longer this season despite the increased expense in payroll and that if open without lifeguards on duty, appropriate signage would have to be posted as well as potentially providing all those who drive in and park their cars a notice informing patrons that no lifeguards would on duty.

Mr. Santos then confirmed that the Commission had received the email correspondence from MIIA regarding operating the facility with no lifeguards on duty.

Mr. Bowen stated that he agreed with Mr. Chaves and if the facility were staffed during the extended season, the staff should collect patron usage data daily to be used when considering extended beach seasons in the future. Mr. Bowen stated that he would be comfortable with extending the season from August 23 to August 29, while limiting hours to 10am-6pm daily.

No further discussion.

Mr. Bowen motioned to extend the 2021 Centennial Beach Season from August 23 to 29, daily from 10am-6pm, with no lifeguards on duty; subject to appropriate signage being posted and sufficient staff being available to monitor the facility in order to ensure facility rules and all 2021 parking restrictions are enforced. Seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

**7. Old Business:**

A. None

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

A. None

**9. Announcements/Adjournment**

A. Discuss potential future meeting dates and times

Mr. Santos proposed various potential meeting dates, that did not conflict with Mr. Bowens work schedule. Mr. Chaves stated that he had some conflicts with the proposed dates but if the meetings we to be held via zoom, he should be able to make all dates.

Mr. Santos stated that he would follow up with the proposed dates in an email to all commissioners, in order to finalize a meeting schedule from September 2021 thru June 2022.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 7:38pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve: Mr. Bowen

Second: Mr. Chaves

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

Date: September 22, 2021