



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION**
Division of Recreation
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PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES

May 18, 2022

Via REMOTE ZOOM at 7:15pm

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: May 18, 2022 07:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Chaves called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Members present were Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos, Mr. Hannon

Mr. Chaves 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.

Mr. Chaves thanked Mr. Bowen for his efforts in making the Guidotti Field dedication a success.

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session – May 11, 2022

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. Park Commission to consider summer 2022 part-time seasonal employees

Mr. Santos stated that he and Mr. Hannon had interviewed approximately 25 employees to date, still had about 6-8 more candidates to interview and would present the Commission with employees for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Director's Report:

A. None

6. New Business:

A. None

7. Old Business:

A. Park Commission to discuss Centennial Beach Season and Day Pass Parking Fees

Mr. Santos presented the Commission with information detailing the additional expenses the new beach facility incurs (Landscaping & Fertilization, Security Cameras & Internet, Plumbing & Irrigation, Electricity, Increased Staffing Costs). Stating further that well before the facility was renovated it was discussed that any additional maintenance and operating costs should be paid for by the beach users directly. Therefore, there would need to be a significant increase in beach parking pass fees in order to ensure the facility is maintained properly moving forward. Mr. Santos concluded that they need to generate approximately \$45K, to cover the projected expenses for the upcoming year.

Mr. Santos proposed that the Commission consider changing Centennial Beach Parking Rates as follows: Resident Season Parking Passes cost \$50, Resident Senior Season Parking Passes cost \$25, Resident Day Parking passes cost \$10, Non-Resident Season Parking Passes cost \$100 and Non-Resident Parking Day Passes cost \$20.

Mr. Bowen stated that he supported the proposed fees and was happy to see that the Senior Season Pass rate had only gone up by \$5.

Mr. Hannon stated that the projected number of passes sold was conservative and therefore attainable.

Mr. Chaves stated that he too supported the increased fees as presented.

Mr. Santos stated the he and his staff would soon post the updated pass fees, when passes go on sale, how to buy a pass as well as when the beach opens for the season. Stating also the he and his staff were looking into any potential cashless options for purchasing parking passes.

Mr. Chaves stated that he would support any cashless options, if viable.

Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the 2022 Beach Parking fees as follows: Resident Season Parking Passes cost \$50, Resident Senior Season Parking Passes cost \$25, Resident Day Parking passes cost \$10, Non-Resident Season Parking Passes cost \$100 and Non-Resident Parking Day Passes cost \$20. Seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

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

A. None

9. Announcements/Adjournment

A. Next Meeting May 25th at 7:30pm

Mr. Chaves asked if there had been any issues at the beach the previous weekend.

Mr. Santos explained that prior to the weekend, in anticipation of warmer weather, he and Mr. Hannon had gone to the beach on Friday morning to place out trash barrels and returned on Monday to empty the trash barrels. When arriving on Monday, they found minimal trash across the site. Additionally, Mr. Santos had received an email from a resident over the weekend who voiced some concerns. Mr. Santos stated that he had replied to the email and would share those email communications with the Park Commission as part of correspondence for the next meeting.

Mr. Chaves motioned to adjourn at 7:58pm, seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve: Mr. Bowen

Second: Mr. Chaves

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

Date: May 25, 2022