



MINUTES

WATERTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Watertown Municipal Center – Recreation Department
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Ct.

I. Call to Order

Chairman William Donston called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: William Donston, Chairman
Ken LaRosa, V. Chairman
Pat Rinaldi, Secretary
Karim Belica
Margaret Germain
Joseph McGrail (arrived later)
Alan Mickel

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Ganem – Parks & Recreation Director, Council Liasson – Herm Desena

III. Election of Officers

Chairman:

Al Mickel I would like to nominate William Donston as Chairman.
Margaret Germain seconded the nomination.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

No other nominations.

Michael Ganem All those in favor of nominating William Donston as Chairman.

Motion approved

William Donston is declared Chairman

Chairman William Donston took over meeting.

B. Vice-Chairman

Pat Rinaldi, I would like to nominate Ken LaRosa as Vice Chairman.
Al Mickel seconded the nomination.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

No other nominations

William Donston All those in favor of nominating Ken LaRosa as Vice Chairman.

Motion approved

Ken LaRosa is declared Vice Chairman.

C. Secretary

Ken LaRosa, I would like to nominate Pat Rinaldi as Secretary
Al Mickel seconded the nomination.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

No other nominations.

William Donston All those in favor of nominating Pat Rinaldi as Secretary.

Motion approved

Pat Rinaldi is declared Secretary.

IV. Public Participation – Discussion from commission that there should be a Town Ordinance to establish and record the guidelines for Jon Staver fund.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. December 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Al Mickel to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 7, 2023 as corrected.

Discussion to move public comment to the end of the agenda was recorded as passed but that motion failed.

Motion passed

B. January 4, 2024-cancellation notice

VI. Correspondence

A. Letter from Paul Jessell to Ms. Mark about roaming bull – owners have been formally notified about damages and risks to the public.

VII. Reports

A. Chairman

William Donston provided report.

A motion was made by Willaim Donston and seconded by Ken LaRosa to add policies and Procedures under New Business.

Motion approved

C. Director

Michael Ganem

D. Sub-Committees

Ken LaRosa gave report of Crestbrook Golf Course and Sub-committes.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Review and Consideration of Submitted Applications for 2024

A motion was made by Ken LaRosa and seconded by Margaret Germain to approve tournament applications as presented.

Motion approved

B. Sign in honor of Avery Lamphier – tabled, more information is needed.

C. Purposed repairs for Angel’s playground – quotes to repair and replace feature was discussed.

D. Review updated facilities permit & tournament permit applications for 2024

Motion: Ken LaRosa and seconded by Margaret Germain to approve tournament applications.

Motion approved.

E. Policies and Procedures

Recommended changes need to be presented to the commission for review and approval.

Motion approved

X. Adjournment

MOTION: William Donston seconded by Karim Belica to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

William Donston, Chairman
Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk