

Town of East Haven, CT  
Recreation & Athletic Complex Zoom Meeting Minutes  
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**Members Present:**

Chairman Pat Paulson  
Commissioner Sue Crisafi  
Commissioner Dom Milano

**Members Absent:**

Vice Chair Liz Franco-Spano  
Commissioner Woody Esposito

**Staff Present:**

Michelle Benivegna

Chairman Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Milano to approve the minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Commissioner Crisafi seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and there were no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED**

**New Business**

Michelle Benivegna stated that the Town just got approval from the State for the bonding to go towards the pool. The preliminary cost is not known at this time. There are currently 2 vacancies on the commission. Vice-Chair Franco-Spano resigned as she is now the Director of Parks and Recreation, and Commissioner Esposito is sending a letter of resignation into the Mayor. If anyone knows anyone interested in serving on the commission, please forward their names. Chairman Paulson stated that the Umpire Association Fall League will be starting up again in it's 50<sup>th</sup> year. The commission is supporting all teams that are playing or trying to play. For the first time since 1949 the American Legion can't field a team, and because of that reason returned the stipend that is given to them by the Town. The commission stated that was nice to hear.

The beach opening was successful except for some rain. There are 2 supervisors, 6 lifeguards and 12 parking attendants. They now have extended hours for being attended. Monday through Sunday from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm, in the main lot and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the smaller lot. There will be a parking ordinance that will be in effect as well. New signage has been placed at the beach and on the trash cans, the gazebo got a facelift as well as the beach house, and the splash pad is in the process of being fixed and they hope to have that up and running soon.

There will be a beach house concert series held at the beach this year on Saturdays from 1-4, there will be signs for people to see to generate people coming to see the bands. There is also a wellness clinic that will be held on Thursdays all free of charge between 11-2 sponsored

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by the East Shore Health District. Conversation was held with regard to gazebo use, that the commission will discuss and talk about regarding fees, cleanup, etc. There will be permit parking by the beach for the residents a day pass can be used by their guests. The police department will have the new ticket system in place and will be starting slow for tickets, so everyone gets used to it. It will go by license plate to make sure the car belongs there. There are also 2 beach officers at the substation and will be there more once school is out.

**Old Business**

Michelle Benivegna stated that they are still waiting on the rink as the RFQ's just came back, of which 4 were received. They will put out an RFP to the qualified bidders. The goal is to get the ice down in January. Chairman Paulson stated that the search for the new director, was an extensive process of meetings with Michelle and Attorney Luzzi, they met with Branford Rec Director Paluzzi. The Town has taken back Hayes School and there are offices there already and Liz will have an office there and no offices will be at the rink. Frank and Steve will still be the maintainers at the rink. Right now, they are working in the traffic maintenance department.

There being no further business to come before the commission, a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Crisafi and seconded by Commissioner Milano at 7:32 pm. All were in favor; none were opposed, and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda S. LaLuna*

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Clerk