



SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

Meeting minutes

Date: June 20, 2024

6:00 PM

Location: Sandy Beach

- Call to order 6:11 PM
- Present: Corinne, Todd, Ed, Terry, Andy, Tom, and Lindsay
- Absent: Jenn, Kathy
- Approval of minutes from May 16, 2024 meeting: Corrine moved, Andy seconded, all in favor

Treasurer's report- Kathy was absent

Correspondence

- Dan Morisani (Litchfield Selectman) attended the beginning of the meeting to discuss the request for free season passes for Litchfield first responders. First Selectman Denise Raap of Litchfield emailed SBC member Ed Ryle a letter requesting this; Ed brought a copy of the letter for each SBC member. The request was discussed and the SBC agreed that it would make sense to extend this to the Morris First Responders as well. Terry made a motion to approve the request that Litchfield and Morris First Responders, in good standing, can fill out the forms at their town hall to receive a Sandy Beach pass. Andy seconded the motion, all agreed. The process for the first responders should be as follows:
 - *interested first responders must let the chief know, the chief will then submit the list to the town hall by a determined date, the **First Responder (not spouse or child)** will go to the town hall to fill out the paperwork to get a pass. This will entitle the first responder to one free season pass. If a pass is wanted for a second car, he/ she will pay the \$10 fee. The free pass will not include swimming lessons, kayak storage, etc.

Dan Morisani believes that this will begin next week and that the number of free

season passes will be around 4. There was a brief discussion about how Sandy Beach has never asked the town for more money, but with the increase of minimum wage, this may be a conversation that happens in the near future. Dan suggested that the SBC is very clear about needing additional money next year.

- Corrine heard from Lucas (White Memorial) and was given the "ok" for food trucks as long as:
 - 1- It is periodic
 - 2- He gives written permission (email is fine)
 - 3- Appropriate permits

Corrine and Lindsay will begin contacting food trucks and working on a schedule/draft to email to Lucas. (Possible ideas: Wednesday= food truck day, ice cream truck, Batchy Brew Coffee truck, etc.)

- Corrine will check her emails and report back for the July meeting re: ARPA funds for the new well, and she will follow up with her well guy in Roxbury.

Old Business:

- The windows look great. Nice work, Tom! Tom sent the invoice to Kathy today. Corrine brought up the possibility of a screen door for the snack shack. Screens in small windows (bathrooms) were also discussed.
- Picnic tables: Terry still needs to get paid for the picnic tables.
- Trees/update- no update, but wondering if Kathy ordered the sail for shade between the buildings.
- New dock final. Still discussion about the old dock: sell it for scrap? Just get rid of it? In the meantime, Corrine will ask White Memorial if they would like it back since the point was brought up that they gave it to Sandy Beach in the 1950s. A decision will be made during the July meeting. **Until it is gone, it should be marked with caution tape and correspondence should go out to members to keep children off of it.**
- Slide: Try it out in the shallow water?
- Beach Clean up day recap. Was a big success!

New Business:

- Record keeping at the gate. How many day passes are being sold? Record keeping in general to know how SB generates \$. Kathy to set up a spreadsheet so Todd will know what/how to keep track (day passes, snack shack, storage, kayak slots, etc.)
- Terry will order a receipt book with carbon copy for the gate
- Different options for electronic payments? Square? Venmo?
- Renovation of Snack Shack - discuss at July meeting
- Summer Kick Off- within the next week or two: S'mores night, dance party (speakers from Jenn?)
- We will add coffee to the menu at the snack shack (Lindsay will bring a Keurig and Todd will buy coffee, cups, etc during the BJs shopping trip.
- Lindsay will contact Lauren Wheeler from Parks & Rec to collaborate.

Beach Manager's Report

- Todd needs money in the Manager's Acct. He would like to buy suits for the lifeguards. He also needs money for toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies, as well as money for snack shack items at BJs. Terry motioned to transfer \$2500 to the Manager's Acct, Corinne seconded it, all in favor.
- Snack Shack license renewal - \$175
- Todd reports some staffing issues: one lifeguard has quit and so did one swim instructor. Lifeguards needed!
- Toilet broke in the Men's Bathroom, but Todd fixed it.
- Todd will buy paint to paint bench and lifeguard chair
- Ski Show - there is a need for a police officer to be present due issues with a couple of spectators last year and because of the size of the crowd. Ed made a motion to allow the event to occur as long as the Ski Show hires a police officer for the event, up to four hours, requiring the police officer to arrive an hour before the event, stay for the duration of the event, and stay one hour after the event. This is for both Saturday and Sunday. In addition, the SBC will add into the contract with Bantam Ski Club that BSC will pay the rental fee plus for Todd to be there. The party on Saturday night will be allowed. The charge is included and there will be a separate charge for the beach manager to be present. Andy seconded the motion, all in favor.

- Adjournment: 7:41pm
- Next meeting July 18th, 6:00PM at Sandy Beach

Typed by Lindsay