

SEABROOK RECREATION COMMISSION

January 19, 2012

PRESENT: Vernon Small, Member at Large-Chairman; Sue Foote, Member at Large-Vice Chairman, Barbara Eaton-Ward, Member at Large; Linda Fortin, Member at Large-Secretary; Maria Brown, Alternate, Bob Moore, Selectman; and Sandra Beaudoin.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. February 3, 2011:

Motion: Linda Fortin to approve minutes of 2/3/11

Second: Vernon Small passed, as written by Vernon Small and Linda Fortin
Sue Foote, Bob Moore, Barbara Eaton-Ward, and Maria Brown abstained as they did not attend the meeting.

3. ANY QUESTIONS ON BILLS PAID: there were no questions regarding the bills. They were passed unanimously.

4. MONTHLY REPORT: October-December 2011: there were not any questions on the monthly report.

5. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011: Maria Brown noted that she liked the annual report, and also said that Sandy was doing a great job. Maria also asked if it was possible that this was the most used building in town.

6. PROGRAMS:

a. Winter Programs: The classes are going well this session. There was only one class that was cancelled due to low enrollment. Maria noticed that the prices had gone up for our programs, and had asked if it was due to the budget being cut. Sandy told the commission that some of the program fees were not at 50% during 2011, but now they are all at 50% due to Budget Committee members concerns. The Budget Committee feels that everything should be 100% of the direct costs. Sandy stated that we do have money in the revolving account that can be used as scholarships, if they are needed. The recipient would need to prove the need for assistance, by filling out a scholarship form.

b. Winter Sports: Basketball is one of our biggest programs and it is going well. We have 6 teams in each of the following grades K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th. We also have 2 girls travel teams, and 2 boys travel teams in grades 5th-6th and 7th-8th. We are trying to put together a 3rd-4th grade travel team right now so they are ready to play in the tournament in March.

c. Special Events: On February 18th we will be taking a trip to Boston to see Disney on Ice- Dare to Dream. Tickets are \$32.00 each. Also on March 2nd we will be having our Basketball banquet.

7. BUDGETS – PROPOSED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: We were cut \$13,000 by the budget committee. Sandy figured out how to cut the hours to help the budget in ways that would not affect the building completely. She only cut hours where the attendance in the building was low. She did that for the fall, and then during the winter we would be back to semi-normal hours only closing a half hour earlier than normal. Sandy stated that we would be in good shape if the voters did not pass the proposed budget. She would like to see us go back to the default budget. In 2011 the budget for the town was \$18,725,282.00. The proposed budget for 2012 is \$18,725,275.00. Which Sandy stated was only a difference of \$7.00. If the budget does not pass and we go into default budget then we will be in a better position, as the default budget for the town is \$18,743,557.00. During 2011, the general income account raised \$64,960.00, which is raised mostly from program fees in the Recreation Budget. The revolving income account raised \$47,816.00 during 2011, and included many programs that were not budgeted in the Recreation Budget. It is money that we have taken in from Sea-Arts, trips, football, and basketball. These are all things that are 100% paying for themselves. Basketball raises approximately \$5,000.00 during the basketball tournament. Also the money that we get from the sponsors for each team goes into this account. Everything that basketball needs comes out of this account; the only thing that comes out of the general account is the referee's salary. Bob Moore stated that Sandy should try and put everything that she can into the revolving account so it cannot be taken away from her. Sandy remarked with the fact that she needs to keep the programs in the general account otherwise the costs of the programs would have to go up to 100%. Sandy also noted that Lyndsey Hamblet, the Program Director was going to be applying for the Elementary School Level 21st Century Grant, which would help with costs, transportation, and scholarships.

8. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- 3 WARRANT ARTICLES / 2012: Sandy let the commission know that she put in 3 warrant articles for the upcoming voting day. She put in for; a new roof, to fix the tennis courts, and to fix the parking lots.

9. POLICY CHANGES DURING 2011:

- a. **Policy of Participation:** Sandy handed out the policy of participation and the commission looked it over.

- b. **Facility Requests:** There are no new facility requests at this time.

10. COMMUNITY CENTER:

a. **Building:** Maria stated that the building needs help. She also added that if things needed to be fixed then fix them, because the recreation department will not be given anything extra. She noted that when she walked around the multi rooms, she saw a lot of ceiling tiles that had water damage.

b. **Grounds:** The tennis courts will be approximately \$7,500.00 to fix, and the parking lot will be approximately \$12,000.00 to be fixed. There is still a tree down by the playground. Sandy told the commission that she thinks that it would be best if it was left there. Sue Foote added that the tree was holding the banking up and it doesn't hurt anything by leaving it there.

c. **Shingled Hip Roof System:** Sandy has put in for a new roof, to fix the leaking. She is hopeful that it will be passed by the town voters. Maria also noted that the Fire Departments roof was voted on and passed almost a year ago, and nothing has been done with it.

11. FACILITY RENTALS: Sandy let the commission know that there hasn't been a need for this as of right now. It was suggested that we add the policy to the Town's website to help promote.

12. Other: Sandy asked the commission if everyone received their Christmas cards. Unanimously everyone said yes, and thank you. Sandy also let the commission know that Sue Foote would not be re-running for the planning board this year. This in turn, means she will not be joining the Recreation Commission any longer. Also Bob Moore will not be re-running for a Town Selectmen this year. At our next meeting there will be a new Selectman, and a new Planning board member joining us.

Next Meeting- Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00pm-

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly M. McDonald