

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
5/12/21

Attending: Amy Lombardo (AL), Sara MacColl (SM), Jill Palmore (JP), Terri Patterson (TP) and Tara Simopoulos (TS).

Absent: Andrea Ernst and Jon Mortimer

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm - Kathy Raftice

Draft Minutes from April 7, 2021 Minutes accepted as written (4 – Yes, 0 – No) (JP joined after vote)

Public Comment – None, Correspondence – None

CECS Updates

KR brought up to date on the “Back to School” plans. Changes for Community Services due to back to school 4 days per week. We will continue to offer coverage on Wednesdays and before and after care. Dismissal times have changed so Susan Frost will continue to update parents with location and times. Walking or Biking to school and CECS may offer a bike parade or something to make it fun for kids. Jane, Kelly and Susan are working on this and you may see more.

Youth

Outdoor basketball hoops will be installed in the next couple weeks. Additionally, the Electric Charging stations will be installed; 2 at CECS and 2 at FW. Need for 100 amps available which will impact locations. Summer Camp all set with staff and finalized locations. Schools ordering modular classrooms so we were waiting to hear. We love camp at the MS location so happy we will be back there. Summer Camp staff training will be the week of June 16 – 18 and camp opens Monday June 21 with over 150 kids registered.

Adults & Seniors

Started to pick up the numbers, some as a result of vaccine and some as classes have moved back outside. Participants asking about removal of masks. We have stated that if all in the class and instructor vaccinated masks no longer required. TP shared that her studio still with masks but many are asking and expects decisions to be made going forward. Senior we had a lovely luncheon at DiMillo's. So happy to be out and numbers are picking up! Some asked if they are allowed to drive themselves. Not ideal but we want them to participate so we will be flexible as they work into the new norm.

Pool & Fitness

As of Monday, May 17th no longer required to register for pool use. We will be back to first come first served. Some concerns about the 7:00 am time slot as that is the normal busy time.

We are still only having 2 per lane. Andrew confident it will work itself out. For now the Fitness Center will continue due to the size of the space. SM asked if any pushback as Masters all 5 days and no 5:30 am lap swims. KR shared she has heard from some but not many and most accept the schedule and we will continue to work through the changes.

Cape Care

Cape Care is full and ready to go. Adding a 3rd preschool classroom and posting for teacher tomorrow.

Fort Williams Update

Master Plan update. We have had some marathon meetings but nearing the end. The analysis, research, user group meetings and recommendations have been finalized. FWPC meeting tomorrow night and potential for public hearing on May 27th as one last time for public input. Then committee meets with Town Council on June 14th and will more than likely refer to a workshop with the Council. Graduation is back at the fort and that has been confirmed. Things may be a little different but still a beautiful spot and will be nice to be back. Women in Harmony scheduled for June 19th. Sports are back at the park and a minimal amount of buses. TP happy with limited buses, impacts quality of life. KR shared that if she lived right there would probably feel the same but if I lived in another part of Cape and taxes paying for the park I may feel differently. KR shared lots of large projects for the Town. TP feels the same between school and other large projects for a small town. KR also shared the request from the group looking to build a permanent ice rink in the park. JP asked if same group that had discussed Gull Crest. KR confirmed and that they are looking at a few locations and need to plan short term and long term. AL asked what would be done with the facility in the summer and KR explained they are looking to make the facility a multi-sport facility. CECS utilizing park for camps and classes and Sounds by the Sea will be starting this summer. SM shared she has heard from many they are thrilled with the idea of music in the park.

General Issues

KR has been asked to prepare revenue impact report from pandemic. KR explained the Maine Backyard Campout, second weekend in July. All recreation departments participating. AL asked about the cleaning of the schools this summer, is this planned? KR feels it will take place but she is not sure of the dates. SM asked if any plan for the B2B at the park. KR expects to hear in the next week. TP shared she feels unlikely anything other than virtual.

Meeting adjourned 6:28 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Raftice