

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
4/7/21

Attending: Andrea Ernst (AE), Amy Lombardo (AL), Sara MacColl (SM), Jon Mortimer (JM), and Jill Palmore (JP)

Absent: Terri Patterson and Tara Simopoulos

Meeting opened at 5:39 pm - Kathy Raftice

Draft Minutes from March 10, 2021 Minutes accepted as written (4 – Yes, 0 – No) SM joined after vote on minutes.

Public Comment – None, Correspondence – None

CECS Updates

KR provided a brief update on school plans for the rest of the school year and impact on Community Services and results of our most recent Spring/Summer registration. A phenomenal result and a wonderful feeling to have the registration so strong after a very difficult year. Basketball hoops in back lot to be installed in late May/early June.

Youth

KR shared online registration opened on March 28 to a record breaking result. In one night over \$200k and many programs full with waiting lists. Fishing camp had 38 on the waitlist, Paddling camp had 22. Soccer camps had double digit waitlists however Susan Frost working diligently to add numbers or weeks. Little Cubs is full and adding another group to accommodate. Some of the waitlist are a result of lower numbers allowed. Roughly 150 kids registered for summer day camp. Kelly Phinney conducting interviews and hiring staff. Interviews have gone well, impressed with the high school staff who have applied. KR provided update on MS sports and how CECS will assist. We will be offering 7/8 lacrosse. AL provided some information on baseball and softball. CECS willing to help and Susan Frost working on details now. Fields being lined, practices being worked out and games to be scheduled. AL feels the socialization is as important as anything and to remember basketball didn't have games outside of our town and that went well and was well received.

Adults & Seniors

Senior activities lined up for the summer. Filling which is positive and wonderful to see. Only 7 on bus but hoping we can add numbers if all vaccinated. SM asked if seniors are coming back. KR shared that Jane Anderson scheduled a trip a week. Many are outside activities and lunches which have always been popular.

Adult activities doing well. We have added some groups and with the ability to move outside some of our instructors have returned. SM asking if a white board can be added to the Activity

Room for instructors to utilize. SM asked if all in a class are vaccinated can masks not be worn. KR shared we are following CDC guidelines and hoping we can begin to allow that.

Pool & Fitness

Planning for annual shutdown. Pool will close on Friday, August 6 and plan to reopen on Monday, August 23rd. As all aware we have been utilizing the sign up process for lap swimming and fitness center and we are looking at ending that requirement in the next month or so. Will still have protocols in place but beginning to return to the new “normal”.

Fort Williams Update

Reservations are increasing. People are getting back out and camps are looking to bring groups to the fort which we welcome. Town recreations departments do not have to pay to park. Sounds by the Sea are all set to go, the bands are committed and sponsors all lined up. Linda Strunk is leading the scheduling of bands and we will have a list to work from for next year. B2B has not made decision yet on in-person race. We are waiting to hear. Ranger openings if anyone has someone they think would fit, please let us know. Continuing to work through the recommendations on the Master Plan prior to Town Council and Public Forum. New plaques ordered for all benches in the park.

General Issues

Some heating/ventilation work being done at the Community Center. Additionally, Pond Cove is replacing all white boards and we will receiving a few for placement here. We did receive approval for a 3rd preschool room so we will be moving forward on the hiring. SM asked if we are getting tents again. KR shared that we will have tents at Summer Camp and pop-up tents for counselors. JP shared she has heard positive comments regarding our registration. People are happy with offerings.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Raftice

