

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
3/10/21

Attending: Andrea Ernst (AE), Amy Lombardo (AL), Jon Mortimer (JM), Jill Palmore (JP), and Terri Patterson (TP)

Absent: Sarah MacColl, Tara Simopoulos

Meeting opened at 5:35 pm - Kathy Raftice

Draft Minutes from February 10, 2021 Minutes accepted as written (5 – Yes, 0 – No)

Public Comment – None, Correspondence – None

CECS Updates

General discussion started with comments on the full reopening of Cape schools. KR moved into discussion with information on the brochure being received in homes this week and programming for late Spring/Summer looks wonderful. KR acknowledged the great work done by CECS staff and the full and vibrant offerings. KR also thanked the Cape Courier for the articles submitted and looks forward to a successful summer. Registration will open on-line Sunday, March 28th @ 8:00 pm and in-person or phone registrations open on Monday, March 29th @ 8:00 am.

Youth

7th & 8th grade basketball wrapping up and K – 6 will begin this Saturday. Susan has been working tirelessly combining groups or moving groups to ensure as many children as possible are able to attend. Next will be Youth Lacrosse. TP asked if anything the high school boosters can do to help defray costs. Nothing at this time as registration covers the tournaments and officials at any games but certainly will keep that in mind. KR mentioned the possibility of adding a Fishing Club for 4, 5, and 6 graders. Susan Frost will work with Darin Estes CEPD to develop a flyer and circulate to interested groups. KR touched on how well received the ice fishing was and how successful the summer fishing camps have been and confident this too will be a good fit for town. KR shared that a request for a sewing class was submitted and Susan Frost acted upon it immediately and we now have a sewing class beginning in April. JP shared lots of materials with our instructor and excited to see this happen so quickly. KR stated we are always looking for suggested classes so please keep them coming.

Adults & Seniors

KR asked about the combining of Cape Kindness, Senior to Senior and our senior activities. TP said the money issue has been difficult (setting up PayPal or Venmo) and that Jane has put in time to try to figure out without luck. TP will get together with Elise and Amy and reconnect with Jane. She said they have some great activities planned....more to come. KR shared some of our adult and senior activities will be at Fort Williams this summer and Linda, Jane, Susan and Chris have been working to coordinate. With vaccinations taking place and many of our seniors

and older participants already vaccinated we will look to lessen the need for masks within a class. Instructors and participants will need to agree. KR is hopeful with vaccinations that senior participation increases. Jane has put time into planning some nice trips that do not involve long travel.

Pool & Fitness

KR provided update on high school pool season ending and additional lap swim and swim lessons being offered. Looking at sign up genius process and when/if no longer needed. Mixed response...some dislike the process while others like the guaranteed space and time. Fitness still only allowing 3 per hour. Space is small and will need to be closely monitored.

Fort Williams Update

Update on "Sounds by the Sea". Some had seen the article in Cape Courier. KR shared that Linda has booked all 6 weeks and Jane working on sponsors. She has locked in a few but now with article in courier we will be receiving additional interest. KR covered the request to have CECS Committee members involved in the introduction of the performer, thanking and recognition of sponsors and covering the rules and regulations of the park on performance nights. TP will cover August 2nd – Travis Humphrey. Others will let me know. AL asked if any news on graduation. KR explained the days have been reserved but no information from the high school yet. JP shared she heard it was being planned again at Crescent Beach. AL shared some ideas being developed around an event in place of the prom that will be held at the turf, may involve food trucks etc. AE asked if any word from B2B. KR shared she has been in contact, decision not made yet but their date for final decision will be 4/1/21.

General Issues

KR shared that Cumberland Recreation live streamed 7/8 grade basketball games. They handled as we did with an in-house program and KR wondering with the 7/8 graders ending next Saturday if that may be something we could do. AL will work with Jeremy and see if they are interested and then connect with Susan Frost.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Raftice

