

Town of Cape Elizabeth  
Community Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
10/12/22

**Attending:** Andrea Ernst (AE), Amy Lombardo (AL), Sarah MacColl (SM), Jill Palmore (JP), Terri Patterson (TP) and Tara Simopoulos

**Absent:** Jon Mortimer

Meeting opened at 5:32 pm - Kathy Raftice

Motion to approve draft minutes from September 14, 2022 by TP, second by AL, motion passed (5 – Yes, 0 – No) (SM arrived after vote).

**Public Comment** – None

**Correspondence** – None

**CECS Updates**

KR provided updates on all areas as noted below. Programmers are working on Winter/Spring brochure. This brochure will cover January – April school vacation. Registration will open online Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm and in person Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am. Non-resident registration opens on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Youth**

Afterschool programming going well. As previously mentioned we changed start times to 3:05 and for most it is working. Where we need to get kids to a different location we may need to adjust start time for those programs. Saturday morning programming wrapping up. Overall success with many, many parents providing positive feedback. TS shared someone in the younger group dissatisfied. KR shared she wish folks provided the feedback on what was not to their liking to us. Possibility of surveying participants, KR will look into. KR provided update on basketball. We are set to begin and we are participating in the Blue Wave League. Hopeful as designed and no AAU teams participating. The nice thing is we do not have to host games here, all are at old McCauley gym or Saco, so just scheduling practices. Still trying to confirm a couple coaches. Both MS and HS gym floors will be worked on in November and December. KR provided Drivers Education update. Shared how different providers handled their classes; some ZOOM, some hybrid. KR and Youth Coordinator, Susan Frost to meet with instructor to see how we offer going forward. Committee members like how we offer now and feel on-line will fall back on parents to monitor. KR shared what a great success the X-Country meet was at Fort Williams. TP shared that she only heard positives from the dog walkers and all appreciated the signs. They all felt that was helpful. TS shared the date of the tree lighting in Town Center; Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Would love to have representation from Community Services. KR committed to participation.

## **Adults & Seniors**

All classes going strong. Adult Coordinator, Linda Strunk adding art classes and variety. Spin did not take off yet and we are in need of space so we are going to sell **some of the bikes.** TP confident it will come back as others in the industry are seeing people return. Saturday spin is a go and we will offer early morning spin again in the fall. Senior Coordinator, Jane Anderson is planning new and interesting trips. She is coordinating a big trip with multiple recreation departments to travel to Boston to the JFK Museum and Edward Kennedy Institute. Should be a great trip! We are also looking at a different St. Patrick's Day event this year. Jane is trying to mix it up a bit and see if we can get the numbers to increase for all trips. This Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> taking a full bus to New Hampshire on a Fall Foliage train trip. Still would like to have a bus driver on occasion so Jane can take some of the trips she works so hard to plan.

## **Pool & Fitness**

Pool going better. We have hired an adult to work 3 mornings a week. Still looking for adult to cover other Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Andrew has some feelers out, so fingers crossed. Hoping for a swim meet for the Cyclones and swim season begins mid-November. Tops of new starting blocks are in, waiting on the bases. Thanks to contributions from Cape Elizabeth Swim Boosters, Coastal Maine Aquatics and Scarborough Swim Boosters.

## **Cape Care**

Running smoothly. KR provided explanation on Public Pre-school grant. Paperwork being finalized. Aftercare staffing has improved.

## **Fort Williams Update**

Next meeting is a Site Walk followed by Regular Monthly meeting. KR shared information on Powers Rd, Goddard Mansion and Pond work. Buses winding down and museum and gift shop closing on 10/23. TP shared how she and her neighbors are happy to see buses will be done. She has seen buses and trolleys up by the playground. KR will share with CC however felt the buses may have just gone that way in error or to turn around. Discussion on buses and commercial use of park.

## **Spurwink Church**

Use completed for the year. Lower than in the past but small venue and may still be a result of Covid.

Meeting adjourned 6:52 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Raftice