TOWN OF GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Members Present: Anthony McGovern, Greg Dion, Jennifer Bilodeau, Sheri Litchfield, Francis Armentano, and Jared Barry

Staff Present: Sandra Yost and Town Manager Mike Walsh

Absent: Valerie Eastwood

Public: None present

Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of April minutes deferred to the next meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Measures Status
 Two planned speed bumps are slated for installation by the end of May
- Follow-ups on feedback from 4/1 Public Session
 It was agreed that the session was informative and well received.
- Rt 20 Lot
 - Concerns were raised during the Public Session regarding the staging of tree service vehicles and commuter parking at the lot. Mr. Walsh provided background and clarification. The lot has 80 spaces, of which approximately 5 are used by commuters using the CT Transit bus. Tree services vehicles were moved to another location while services in Town are being conducted. The State has been contacted for approval of creating an additional exit point for ease of bus turnaround and horse trailer pull out. The Board was reminded that a STEAP grant request has been submitted for a pathway from the Rt 20 lot down to the soccer fields at Salmon Brook Park.
- Letters from Horse Council
 Letters submitted during the Public Session on April 1 have been attached to the minutes for that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

 Next Meeting Requests (budget status and overview for 25-26
 Director Yost supplied the Board with the FY26 approved budget pages for Parks and Recreation

- Small capital improvements
 Director Yost shared the list of Small Cap funding requests. Discussion included the need to add restroom facilities and the soccer field end of Salmon Brook Park.
- Staff updates

Director Yost shared the following updates from the Recreation Department:

- o Park Study update included preliminary report on the survey results
- League Agreements were sent out to participating leagues using Town fields to establish responsibilities
- o Camp Staff hires are being processed for the upcoming season
- Suffield Pickleball reached out about the possibility of collaboration. Terri is following up.
- Mr. Walsh shared that the American Legion will take over the care and upkeep of the Veteran's Memorial Wall. The Town is grateful to the Hart Family for its longtime commitment and dedication to the Wall.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON A MOTION by G. Dion, seconded by F. Armentano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yost Acting Recording Secretary