

## DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members  
From: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting September 16, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Frank Montagna at 5:30 pm.

### I. Attendance:

*Commissioners Present:* Al Centone, Bob Kowalewski, Frank Montagna, Chris Pagan,  
Susan Puzycki

*Commissioners Absent:* Mary Lou Stamp, Joan Walsh

*Staff Present:* Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works  
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

### II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Al Centone made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 20, 2019, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor, and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

### III. Correspondence:

None

### IV. Director's Report

*Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation*

Summer programs began June 24<sup>th</sup> and ended on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This summer there was an increase in the number of participants in the summer programs. The playground programs were held at Clintonville, Ridge Road and Montowese. The Day Camp program was held at the Recreation Center the 6 weeks.

The "Music Under the Stars" concert series concluded on August 27<sup>th</sup>. All concerts were extremely well attended. The weather cooperated and 11 out of 13 concerts were outside. There was great feedback from the public on the various performers. Andy extended a special thanks to all the corporate sponsors for their continued support. He also thanked Police, Fire and Public Works for their assistance at each concert.

Swim lessons went very well. There were 133 children taking lessons during the summer.

The adult softball league ended on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

After the summer programs concluded, recreation went into shut down schedule. The pool was closed August 5<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. This year the two week shutdown was extremely helpful. The pool was drained and cleaned. An inspection of the tiles, plugs, and drain showed all were in good condition with the exception of a few loose tiles on the pool deck. The pool deck was recaulked. The shower area in the men's locker room was repainted. The pool deck and locker rooms were cleaned from floor to ceiling.

The following two weeks, the Recreation Center was cleaned from floor to ceiling. The gym floor was refinished with new lines painted. A section of the gym floor was stained to match the rest of the gym floor. This was necessary because new wood was installed after water damage caused the boards to warp and buckle.

Fall pool hours are now in effect.

Registration is underway for fall recreation and pool programs. Many programs have begun or will begin in the next week or so.

The track lights are on at the Mike Vanacore Field. Lights will be on Monday through Thursday evenings, as weather permits, until November 20<sup>th</sup>.

North Haven High School Girls swim team began their season on August 29<sup>th</sup>.  
(M-F – 2:30 - 5:00 PM)

Hamden North Haven Swim team began their season on September 11<sup>th</sup>.  
(M-W-F – 5-7 PM/Sat. 6:30-8:30 AM)

The Halloween party will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Center. The time will be 6:00 – 7:30pm. Last year the date and time of the Halloween party at the Recreation Center was moved to the Thursday before Trunk or Treat and there was a large turnout.

In addition to the annual Halloween event, Recreation will again be coordinating the Trunk or Treat event. This event originated out of the Selectman's office a few years ago. The event is held at the high school parking lot on the Saturday before Halloween. People arrive with candy in their car trunks and the kids can walk from car to car. This event is coordinated with Police, Fire, Cert Team and the Knights of Columbus.

*Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works*

The Annual Memorial Day Parade was held on Saturday, May 25, 2019. The parade route went along the Town Center and Town Green. The event was well attended.

The 2019 Annual Summer Concert Series (13 concerts this year) commenced on Tuesday, June 4, and concluded on August 27, 2019. The concert series was, as always, very successful.

Recreational Special Olympics concluded its spring season on the Vanacore Field Track on June 2, 2019 (Sundays only).

The American Legion – Junior and Senior Leagues concluded its summer baseball at the North Haven Sports Complex (DeMayo Field) and Bailey Road Field. Fields were utilized through late July 2019.

North Haven Track (Runners) (BOE) concluded its spring season on Vanacore Field Track on June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Freshman / Middle School Baseball (BOE) concluded its spring play on Bailey Road Field on June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Softball – (Varsity & Junior Varsity), Baseball (Varsity & Junior Varsity) and Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) concluded its play on Brook Field and the Sports Complex (including DeMayo Field) on June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Boys and Girls Tennis (BOE) concluded its spring season at the North Haven Sports Complex on June 8, 2019.

The Elks Club and the North Haven Girl Scouts held a tribute to Flag Day on the Town Green on June 14, 2019. The event was successful.

The BOE High School Athletics concluded its spring season at the Middle School Turf Fields for its sporting events on June 8, 2019.

Max Sinoway Baseball completed their summer baseball at Montowese, Gateway, Green Acres, Clintonville School, Brook and Bailey Road fields in July, 2019.

The North Haven Soccer Club competed its spring soccer on the Memorial, Rock Road and Ridge Road fields on June 30, 2019 and its Summer Camp in late August 2019.

The North Haven Girls' Softball completed its softball program at Gateway Fields 2 – 7 on July 31, 2019.

The North Haven Youth Lacrosse team concluded its play at the Aces, Vanacore, Recreation and Middle School fields on June 10, 2019.

The Diamond Zone 120 Baseball concluded its baseball program at the Grover Wyman Park in late June 2019.

Adult Recreation Softball completed its summer softball at the Gateway Complex and Grover Wyman fields on July 17, 2019.

The North Haven Track Running Camp completed its summer schedule for Vanacore Field Track on August 1, 2019.

The BOE Strength and Condition Camp completed its summer camp at the High School Fitness

Center and Middle School Turf Fields on August 18, 2019.

The Recreation Special Olympics continues its programs on the Green Acres Softball Field (Wednesdays only) through September 4, 2019.

The Pond Hill Baptist Church held its annual Family Movie Night on the Town Green on July 12, 2019. The event was well attended.

The North Haven Youth Lacrosse Camp concluded its camp on the Recreation Center Field on July 17, 2019. The Camp Program was successful.

Board of Education (BOE) Cross Country commenced their Fall Season on August 22, 2019 at the Vanacore Track Complex.

Board of Education (BOE) Volleyball commenced their Fall Season on August 29, 2019 at the Fred Kelly Gymnasium.

Board of Education (BOE) Varsity Swimming commenced its Fall season on August 29, 2019 at the Walter Gawrych Community Pool.

Board of Education (BOE) Football commenced their Fall season on the Middle School Practice Field on August 19, 2019.

Board of Education (BOE) Field Hockey commenced their Fall season on August 29, 2019 at the Middle School Turf Fields.

Board of Education (BOE) Junior Varsity/Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer commenced their Fall season on August 29, 2019 at the Middle School Turf Fields.

Max Sinoway Baseball commenced with its Fall season on August 19, 2019 and will utilize Montowese Fields 1 – 4 through October 26, 2019. Max Sinoway Baseball will also train with Coach Tim Binkoski of the Diamond Zone on Monday's and Tuesday's – Field 4 Montowese Park.

North Haven Fall Baseball - Coach Tim Binkoski, Diamond Zone, has commenced its Fall season on Bailey Road for practices and games starting on August 29, 2019 and continuing through October 24, 2019.

Youth Football commenced with their Fall Season on the Gateway Complex on July 29, 2019 and Sunday games on Vanacore Field through November 16, 2019.

North Haven Soccer Club commenced with its Fall season on August 21, 2019 at Grover Wyman, Ridge Road and Memorial Fields and continue through November 27, 2019.

On August 24, 2019, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. the Accounting Firm of Bruzenski and Company, P.C., hosted a first annual Pet Adoption Event on the Town Green with North Haven pet related

businesses.

On August 31, 2019, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. the Town Green was utilized by Supportive Solutions Behavioral Health and Wellness and members of the Quinnipiac Valley Health District who were bringing awareness to National Overdose Day. The educational event was well attended by counselors, emergency responders, students and families.

The North Haven Fair was held at the North Haven Fairgrounds on September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Town's Showmobile was transported to the Fairgrounds by Public Works' Field Operations and utilized for the 4-Day Event.

On September 14, 2019 from 1 – 4 P.M. the Ulbrich Boys and Girls Club of Wallingford hosted its first annual 'Day 4 Kids' event on the Town Green. This event focused on services available to kids in the community.

On September 28, 2019, the North Haven Fire Department and its Volunteer Houses will host a Multiple Sclerosis Fundraising event on the Town Green.

On October 5, 2019, the North Haven Youth Football organization is hosting a Cow Plop Fundraiser on the Gateway Fields.

The annual Animal Haven Walk-a-Dog-Athon will be held on the Town Green on Sunday, October 6, 2019.

### Construction Updates

#### Vanacore Concession, Meeting and Bathroom Facility

On October 26, 2018, a groundbreaking was held prior to the commencement of the Varsity Football home game. The event was well attended and a celebration for many of the stakeholders who have supported or continue to support the project's efforts occurred.

On Monday, November 5, 2018, construction began as K & W Construction of Derby commenced with site work, including tree and tree stump removal, foundation excavation, and bringing in potable water, sanitary sewer and overhead electrical utilities.

K & W Construction personnel completed their work with members of the New Haven Building Trades who have agreed to supply 'no cost' labor for work related to the concrete slab on grade and the building's 4,800 SF foundation. Concrete pours, including the slab on grade, are completed.

K + W also completed some of the final site grading surrounding the new structure.

Capasso Restoration of North Haven completed their masonry block construction and wall work.

Roof shingles are being installed by the Local Roofers Union. The Carpenters Union is hanging

doors and installing locks to secure the facility. After the facility is secured, the Local Plumbers and Electricians Unions and their apprentices will re-enter the facility and perform the final plumbing and electrical work needed for the facility.

After the structure's final electric is completed the electricians will focus on transferring the electric services from the existing concession structure. Lastly the existing structure will be demolished by Quality Associates.

The project is expected to conclude in the fall of 2019, weather permitting.

The project is funded through a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant and monitored by the State of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP).

Community Bulletin Board and Upcoming Events (Calendar Year 2019):

- September 9<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup> – US Wealth Management Shred Day;
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Animal Haven – Annual Walk a Dog a Thon;
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup> – QVHD – Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk;
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup> – North Haven Ski Club Event;
- October 21<sup>st</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup> – North Haven Congregational Church New England Fair;
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> – North Haven Senior Center Holiday Fair;
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup> – St. John's Church Holiday Fair;
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – November 24<sup>th</sup> – Clintonville PTA Holiday Bazar;
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup> – North Haven Congregational Church Holiday Fair;
- December 2 – December 8<sup>th</sup> - Clintonville PTA Holiday Bazar.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Public Participation:

None

VIII. Adjournment:

Vice Chairman Montagna asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Bob Kowalewski, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm.