Please be advised that these minutes are in DRAFT form and will not become “Public Record” until they are formally approved by the Board of Parks and Recreation at their next regularly scheduled meeting planned for June 24, 2015.

Board Attendees: Nancy Caplan, Cathy Weisenburger, Patrick Slyne, Frank Cantelmo, John Hartwell and Rick Loh

Ex-Officio Attendees: None

Staff Attendees: Joe Siciliano, Tom Greco, Jeff Freidag, Sue Snyder, and Lou Berlingo

Guest Attendees: Nancy Chapin and Leslie Yager

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:37p.m. at the Innis Arden Cottage.

II. The Board Minutes from the April 29, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Summer Recreation Programs, Sue Snyder

Ms. Snyder introduced intern, Adrian Navarro who will be working with the department this summer. Ms. Snyder reviewed the 3 major camp programs offered by the department; Music and Art, Kamp Kairphree, and Greenwich Adventurers. Mr. Cantelmo stated that the Adventurer’s Camp has a fantastic presentation with the calendar of activities; it helps parents with their busy schedules.

Ms. Snyder reported that the Department of Social Services has a Campership program and the Parks and Recreation Department has a Scholarship program to help those residents who cannot afford to send their children to camp.

Ms. Snyder also reviewed other summer programming including; Summer Baseball, Soccer with Aldwin, Family nights at WGCC, Skatepark Ramp Camps and Pee Wee clinics, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Night concerts, Tennis Clinics, and the Tennis Tournament.

Don Mohr reported on the special events he oversees which includes, the Jim Fixx Memorial Day Race, Independence Day Fireworks, and Adult Softball League.

Mr. Mohr also advised that the new turf field at Cos Cob Field has been well received; there have been a lot of positive feedback. There is a glitch with the access gates.

Mr. Mohr stated that due to the construction at the Greenwich Common by Havemeyer Field, there was some rescheduling of activities. Due to the variety of construction/maintenance projects at the high school, the fields will be closed for the summer following graduation.

Mr. Mohr stated that there will be a Fall Field Users group meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2015, 6:30 pm.

Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Mohr solved the problem with the adult soccer leagues; he was able to work out a plan and find field space for them. Ms. Snyder added none of the groups received all of what they wanted, but they did get portion of their request to satisfy them to complete their season.
IV. Director's Report, Joe Siciliano
Mr. Siciliano advised that the parks are being prepared for the summer. The Greenwich Common project is well underway; the tentative completion date is July 1, 2015.

Mr. Siciliano asked for patience; when employees are removed from their core responsibilities to assist with logistics for holiday festivities, some of the maintenance in the parks is delayed.

Mr. Siciliano reported that $9.5M was approved for the Byram Pool/Beach Improvements. Moving along with the completion of the drawings from 30% to 90%. A professional estimate will be completed on the 90% drawings. DPW is working to obtain the remediation contract. The remediation is planned to start sometime in July.

Mr. Siciliano informed that there are subjects to release on the Byram Pool/Beach funding which includes; the 90% drawings, a professional cost estimate, and price control options for the buildings. The goal is to complete the remediation in the fall and roll right into the contract bidding for the pool and then into construction.

Mr. Siciliano reported that the Old Barn project is in the midst of the construction phase and is moving along well. Ms. Caplan added the Greenwich Point Conservancy received funding for the project from the CT Historical Preservation Board.

Mr. Siciliano advised that the Greenwich Point Conservancy will have their Beach Ball fundraiser on July 11th.

Mr. Siciliano stated that the Town Party was overwhelmingly successful.

Mr. Siciliano advised that the car show will be this weekend. Ferry service to the islands will open on June 13th.

Mr. Siciliano reported that 54% of residents have renewed their Park Pass online this year. Renewing your Park Pass online is the best method; the turn-around time is much quicker than in person renewals.

V. Chairman's Report
Ms. Caplan reported that the Important Bird Area report that was collaborated on with the Friends of Greenwich Point and the Conservation Commission is being finalized, and will be presented on at a future meeting.

Ms. Weisenburger expressed her concerns for the condition of the grounds at Greenwich High School. With graduation around the corner, the site is in shambles with the ongoing MISA and remediation projects. There is debris thrown from the side of the school along the back; there is remediation and construction equipment and trash all along the auditorium. Ms. Weisenburger added she spoke with Barbara O’Neil and Mr. Siciliano who reached out to Amy Siebert.

Mr. Johnson reported he worked with the department on the contract for the stadium. Any cleanup related to the MISA project should be dealt with by the contractor.

Mr. Siciliano added the Town has a Building Committee for the MISA project they have job meetings with the contractor and the Board of Ed. Facilities Manager.

Upon further discussion, Mr. Siciliano stated the department will do what they can to clean up the area.

Ms. Weisenburger stated there has been some improvement since her initial contact with the involved parties.

VI. Unfinished Business
Mr. Johnson reported he met with representatives of the Shellfish and Conservation Commissions to review chapter five, goals and policies of the Harbor Management Plan. Ultimately all the other agencies will have input. A procedure on how to route requests through all the proper agencies before a decision is made by the commission was addressed as well as an appeal process.
Mr. Loh reported there is a Golf User Group meeting set for 8:30 am on June 15th.

Mr. Loh reported the Harbor Management Commission is plugging along. The applications went out for moorings.

VII. New Business
Mr. Cantelmo reported Soundwaters had a very successful ball $330,000 was raised. The goal is to never leave a student behind. Mr. Cantelmo further advised that he was inducted into the Soundwaters hall of fame.

Mr. Cantelmo announced that the Experience the Sound event will be on June 21st.

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.