

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
1/8/25

Attending: Becky Bryant (BB), Andrea Ernst (AE), Debbie Grew (DG), Jill Palmore (JP), Megan Roy (MR2), and Christine Syska (CS)

Absent: Megan Rogers

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm - Kathy Raftice

Public Comment & Correspondence - None

Approval of draft minutes from December 11, 2024

Motion by FP to approve minutes, second by MR2. Motion passed (5 – Yes, 0 – No).

CECS Updates

KR introduced our new member DG. DG provided some background information about herself followed by an introduction by each committee member who also provided a brief overview. KR provided an update on the success of the most recent registration. KR shared the information on the Mid-Winter Classic Road Race, Feb 2 and the Cape Challenge, May 18. KR then discussed the Inclement Weather Policy. Issues with walk-ins getting the message and the need for parking lots to be clear for plowing.

Youth – Susan Frost & Dana Hatton

Winter registration was successful and the payment plan option worked well! KR shared the positive results of the HS indoor soccer implementation with Jeff Davis supervising, kudos to Susan Frost. Many classes are filling and taking place offering a wide range of options. DG mentioned this is one of the reasons she wanted to join the committee; she is very impressed with all that we offer. Dana is continuing to navigate the various options and scheduling challenges related to basketball.

Adults – Linda Strunk

Committee discussion on the upcoming Passport Processing. All paperwork submitted and supplies ordered. Linda finalizing the online documentation and schedule with a goal to begin the first week in February! Again many, many adult class options and classes taking place from one day to multiple days!

Seniors/Marketing – Jane Anderson

Jane continues to work with our aging population to schedule exciting and new trips. The Boston Titanic trip sold out for Cape residents and then Jane was able to open the trip to additional numbers therefore able to reach out to our waitlist. This should be a fantastic trip! Jane offering drop in cribbage as well as learn to play cribbage!

Pool & Fitness – Andrew Kemp

KR shared that Andrew had coordinated the purchase of new equipment in the Fitness Center. We have added a replacement stair climber and treadmill! KR also communicated the dates/times of the Southwestern meets that take place at the Cape pool, February 6, 7 & 8!

Cape Care – Kelly Phinney

Committee discussion regarding the Pleasant Mountain ski program and Kelly has continued wonderful leadership! Program begins tomorrow evening, always a busy but exciting time for those participating.

Committee discussion on Cape Care. Staffing needs and dates for registration for next year.

Fort Williams/PHL Update

KR provided a brief overview of regular use requests for FW. HS Graduation – June 1, Family Fun Day – June 8, Sounds by the Sea – beginning July 7. Additionally, all four food vendors will be returning.

KR shared that the bell had fallen from the stand and the repair work scheduled. New windows installed in the spring. Additionally, Cape Elizabeth resident open lighthouse day scheduled for Sunday, May 19 and the gift shop and museum will open on Saturday, May 24.

Future meetings discussion. The committee will meet bi-monthly with the following schedule; March 12, 2025, May 14, 2025, July 9, 2025 and September 10, 2025. This schedule is subject to change if a conflict arises.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Raftice