

Town of Cape Elizabeth  
Community Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
1/12/22

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

**Absent:** Jon Mortimer and Tara Simopoulos

Meeting opened at 5:35 pm - Kathy Raftice

Draft Minutes from December 8 2021 accepted as written (5 – Yes, 0 – No)

**Public Comment** – None

**Correspondence** – None

**CECS Updates**

KR shared the December registration numbers were phenomenal, better than 2019! Looking forward to a busy winter. Some classes with waitlists, working to move into additional classes. KR shared the article that was in the Cape Courier supporting numbers of classes and participants. Staff already working on next brochure, it will go to the printer on March 4<sup>th</sup> and registration opening on Sunday, April 3, 2022. We will be doing a summer camp highlights flyer so all can plan for our offerings. KR presently working on FY 23 budget and budget meetings will begin in March.

**Youth**

Still feeling the COVID impact from numbers that can be in classes when inside. We have moved classes to bigger venues where we can so more can be accommodated. Right now still following school protocol as so many classes in schools and do not want to confuse kids. Town still has a mask requirement in public buildings. The Ice Rink has been discussed by the Town Council and still moving in direction of Gull Crest area. Public participation being sought at meetings.

**Adults & Seniors**

The holiday party at Snow Squall was a success. Attendees enjoyed a nice meal and music by Tom Dyhrberg (a last minute replacement who performed wonderfully). Senior program participation has dropped again with the Delta Variant. Recognizing we have a very aging group – 4 regular members have gone into assisted living in the past 4 months. We have set a minimum of 8 to guarantee trips. We may have to reduce for local trips as only real cost is the entrance fee and gas. Adult exercise classes are doing well with many with double digit attendees, especially with continued drop-ins. Adult enrichment programs are holding their own with 6 – 8 registered.

### **Pool & Fitness**

We will be hosting the Southwestern swim meet with some changes. Cape and Scarborough will be held here during regular swim team practice times. The Diving will be held here on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 2. No spectators. We have also been asked to host the State swim meets on Monday, February 21 & Tuesday, February 22. We will be coordinating with Jeff Thoreck and the MPA. The school has asked us to take a look at our pool parties and the number of attendees etc. Concerns with outbreaks, committee discussed and all agree to continue as we have. Additionally I have been asked about the safety of swimmers in the Master's program. Parents with children who have tested positive attending. We will continue to monitor and hope that adults self-monitor. Committee in agreement.

### **Cape Care**

KR spoke about the continued COVID impact, children under 5 at preschool not vaccinated. Afterschool combining of school age and preschool. KR brought group up to date on the grant for public preschool and Cape not chosen as recipient. Registration for next school year will first be offered to existing participants and then open to general public.

### **Fort Williams Update**

KR shared committee working on budget. Projects will be based on prioritization. Fireworks will be taking place on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Winterfest. Cape Elizabeth/South Portland Rotary sponsoring.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm

Next 3 meetings: Wednesdays; February 9, March 9 and April 13 @ 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Raftice

