

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
11/10/21

Attending: Andrea Ernst (AE), Amy Lombardo (AL), Jon Mortimer (JM), Jill Palmore (JP), Terri Patterson (TP) and Tara Simopoulos (TS).

Absent: Sarah MacColl

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm - Kathy Raftice

Draft Minutes from September 15, 2021 accepted as written (6 – Yes, 0 – No)

Public Comment – None

Correspondence – None

CECS Updates

KR provided update on current (Winter/Early Spring) brochure. Registration is opening Sunday, December 19th @ 8:00 pm online. We are looking at better ways to promote the dates for program registrations. KR explained the 3 prints of the brochure and what they cover/why? Committee agrees it can be confusing. AL suggested a single point of contact for all with where/how to sign up for school sports, or dates for Community Services offerings. Possibility of a dropdown on the CECS website with links? KR will talk to the office. TS shared that the TML is always submitting articles in the Cape Courier. TS shared the next print dates and will hold space for CECS. KR will have Jane Anderson submit an article, clarifying registration dates and what is being offered. KR shared we advertise on social media, website, monthly emails, PCPA & MSPA. Suggestion to drop brochures with realtors.

Youth

KR shared the temporary solution of Boosters. We are paying invoices and tracking \$\$\$. TP checked to make sure the Spring Lacrosse money was still available. KR confirmed it is however this is not a long term solution and all agreed. The school dismissal has greatly improved however for Winter/Spring afterschool programs will run from 3:15 – 4:15. Minor use/impact of late bus. Staffing issue continues. Looking for a part-time position to assist with Youth programs. Cover weekends. Committee discussed how all looking for part time help, pay issues. KR brought up to date on the ice rink. Now a Town owned property. Hopeful to have youth programming although very weather dependent. KR shared that Cape Courier is hosting the tree lighting on Friday, December 10, Santa arriving at 6:40 pm. CECS staff thinking of offering something in addition. TS suggested if we would like to host a table, she would accommodate.

Adults & Seniors

KR provided update on program participation. Friendsgiving luncheon was a successful get together. Group would like more similar gatherings. Jane is scheduling some in the next brochure. The Holiday luncheon will be at the Snow Squall, Friday December 10. TS asked why not Purpoodock this year, KR shared they are not taking group reservations at this time. Jane has scheduled members of the High School chorus and band to sing and play holiday

songs for sing a longs. If any committee members interested in attending, please let Kathy know.

Pool & Fitness

KR explained the badge card issue and server update. Hopeful that all issues are now resolved. If anyone hears of any additional issues, please let us know. Swim lessons have been doing very well and filling quickly; as a result private lesson requests increased. Andrew has 2 lifeguards working on a back logged list, emails are being sent and follow ups taking place. KR brought all up to date on the inflatable with the expectation to have it back and working after Thanksgiving. New full time employee, Miranda Duffy is working out wonderfully and we are hearing great things.

Cape Care

Continues on at full speed. Classes going well and aftercare continues with big numbers. We have hired staff.

Fort Williams Update

KR provided committee with Master Plan Update. Explained plan approved by the Town Council and now working through the recommendations. KR asked if any in the group had experience writing grants. None have but will put out feelers. KR explained the fee updates that were recently approved and shared that the Museum and Gift Shop are now closed, the food vendors are gone and Chris Cutter now back in the office assisting with winter functions. KR mentioned the Electric Charging Stations that would be coming in the spring.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm

Next 3 meetings: Wednesdays; December 8th, January 12th and February 9th @ 5:30 pm,

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Raftice

