

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
12/14/22

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

Absent: Andrea Ernst, Jon Mortimer, and Tara Simopoulos

Meeting opened at 5:34 pm - Kathy Raftice

Motion to approve draft minutes from November 9, 2022 meeting by TP, second by JP, motion passed (4 – Yes, 0 – No)

Public Comment - None

Correspondence – None

CECS Updates

KR offered recognition and thanks to AL and SM for their time and commitment to the CECS Advisory Committee. Both have had strong attendance and shared great suggestions and feedback during their tenure; they will be missed. KR did share with the committee that we would have one new member beginning in January and we look forward to filling the second slot soon. SM will reach out to a couple people to see if they are interested. KR shared the minimum wage will be increasing to \$13.80 on 1/1...a 25% increase since 2019. A reminder to all that registration opens on Sunday, December 18th @ 8:00 pm and we have been receiving calls requesting updates to our database which is great and should help with registration. KR also shared that reservations for FW and Spurwink Church opened on 12/1 for residents. KR shared the email received on the Cape Ice Arena and the recent tree lighting in Town Center was a success. KR shared the Foul Weather policy and how it relates to preschool and programming.

Youth

We have a new Youth Coordinator Assistant – Bethany Blake. Caroline Cutter has moved to a new full-time job. We thank her for all her help during the fall and wish her success in her new position. KR shared that vacation camp numbers are low and will probably cancel unless greater numbers received by Friday. This week of camp is normally a smaller number. TP added that this is a week where parents generally take off between the holidays and probably higher numbers in February and April, all agreed. KR provided an update on the new program being offered for High School basketball. We will be participating in the SP HS Rec League. This is in addition to the Middle School team/league. Excited to partner with the high school. KR brought committee up to date on the skate equipment drive and the chess tournament.

Adults & Seniors

Linda Strunk working on our Sounds by the Sea bands for next summer. Looking to bring variety of entertainers and Jane Anderson is working on the sponsors. Jane has also

coordinated the holiday party at Purpoodock for our seniors. We have relatively small numbers so have gone with 2 tables of 10 and CECS will pay for the entertainment. It will be Anni Clark – Acoustic guitar and vocal.

Pool & Fitness

KR shared there is a CMA swim meet this weekend and some changes to schedule for holiday weekend; December 24th Open Swim with the inflatable 1:30 – 4:00 and then close for Christmas Eve. Pool and Fitness closed on Christmas.

Cape Care

Last day next Wednesday and a special care day on Thursday. Shared some information on the Public PreK grant; still waiting on particulars. Pros and cons so hopeful structure remains the same for now.

Fort Williams/PHL Update

Pickleball and tennis court nets removed 12/1. Holiday lights will be installed at the park entrances. KR has been meeting with vendors and ordering merchandise for next season. Reminder of fireworks at Fort Williams on March 4th.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Raftice