

Crystal Pond Park Commission
Minutes from Meeting on June 14, 2023
Location: Crystal Pond Park - 6 pm
Submitted by David Barlow, Chairman

Members present: David Barlow, Bill Bradley, John Cimochowski, Brian Griffin, Jillian Jette, Chuck Lee, Mallory Selfridge, Rick Torgeson

Members absent: Paul Oleszewski, Molly Thienel

1. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:05 pm

2. Citizen's Participation: None.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2023: Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Cimochowski and approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report: The Commission reviewed the written report submitted by Thienel.

5. Rental Update: Jette reviewed the list of upcoming rentals. The Commission approved a renter's request to erect a bounce house on the Dining Hall lawn.

Cimochowski moved to approve use of the Park facilities by the Congregational Church of Eastford on July 22nd for their annual frog jump / band concert at no charge, and that the CPPC would reimburse the cost of insurance for this event. The motion was seconded by Torgeson and approved unanimously.

6. Maintenance and Management:

Insurance – Eastford BOS requested CPPC's input regarding which of the current structures at the Park should be insured. The consensus was to recommend insuring following buildings: Dining Hall, Lakeside Cabin, Caretaker's Cabin, Chapel and possibly the Pump House. Barlow will follow up with the Eastford First Selectman.

The Commission thanks the Eastford Public Works Dept for fixing the serious potholes in the Park entrance.

Wayne Morrell Paintings – Cimochowski reported that due to the very poor condition of the paintings, Todd Montanaro, the curator of the Rockport Art Association, decided not to accept them into their annual art auction.

An election of new CPPC officers will be held at the upcoming July 12th Commission meeting.

7. Recent Vandalism and Fires:

The Commission worked hard to get both the Lakeside Cabin and the Dining Hall back into shape following the recent vandalism. Both facilities are now back in rental condition, and in fact have been rented in the past several weeks.

The Lakeside Cabin was thoroughly cleaned by Torgeson and Barlow. The entire Dining Hall was professionally cleaned by ServiceMaster.

Chris Lowe Construction began work on replacing the most heavily burned flooring. Barlow and Torgeson completed the job of removing additional burned boards, patching numerous holes in the floor, and replacing boards damaged by wear and abuse. The floor was also leveled by jacking up a badly sagging ledger board under the building. Dustless Hardwood Floors, LLC then sanded and refinished the entire Dining Hall floor, including the sections that were previously painted grey. The results look great.

Several damaged tables and benches were discarded, and the rest outfitted with casters and glides to protect the new floor. 12 new folding tables were purchased along with several rolling storage carts.

Mansfield Supply assisted with repairing the damage to the locks and doors on both buildings, and with the jacking of the floor.

Barlow presented an itemized list of expenses for the clean-up, repair and replacement of items damaged by the recent vandalism and will work with Eastford's First Selectman to submit these expenses to CIRMA for insurance reimbursement.

8. Update on STEAP Projects:

Dining Hall Windows – The new windows are temporarily being stored at Hometown Self Storage while awaiting available labor and openings in the rental schedule to allow for installation.

HVAC System – CNM Heating, Cooling & Piping and Godaire Electrical completed installation of the new HVAC system in the Dining Hall on May 11th.

9. Response to National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations Program:

Cimochowski and Barlow will meet with Eastford's First Selectman regarding a response to the NRCS.

10. Additions to the Agenda (upon 2/3 vote by members present and voting): None

11. Motion to Adjourn: Cimochowski made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selfridge. The motion passed unanimously at 7:45 pm.