

Town of Newtown, CT

3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission held an in-person meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 with an opportunity for phone- in public participation, in the multi-purpose room of the Senior Center, 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clinton DePaolo at 6:02 pm.

Present: Clinton DePaolo, Aaron Britton, Jim Parker, David Payne and Vincent Yanni

Staff Present: Amy Mangold, RoseAnn Reggiano and Carl Samuelson

Absent: Warren Spencer and Rance Thompson

Public: Ms. Alexa Larsen
211 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT 06801

Public Participation:

Ms. Alexa Larsen is still experiencing problems with internet access in town, as well as getting in touch with Public Safety to address her concerns. She also expressed an interest in getting together with Parks and Recreation Director, Amy Mangold to discuss offering yoga classes at both the Edmond Town Hall and outdoors.

Acceptance of Minutes: Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 commission meeting. Commissioner David Payne seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the accepted minutes.

Acceptance of Minutes: Commissioner Vincent Yanni motioned to accept the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 commission meeting. Commissioner Aaron Britton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- *Budget: (see attachment #1)* – Ms. Mangold distributed the board of finance recommended adjustments to the commissioners. In doing so, she pointed out that although it appears that they removed \$28,000 from expenditures, it was really just moved into Capital non-recurring, and NOT taken away. Commissioner DePaolo commented on how the budget basically stayed the same which is a step in the right direction compared to last year.
- *Vice Chairman Discussion:* Commissioner DePaolo stressed that a Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chairman is direly needed. Given that Chairman DePaolo works in New York City and is the father to two young children, a need may arise where he may have to miss some commission meetings. It was then suggested that since

Commissioner Yanni has the most experience within the committee, and has shown himself to be an outstanding member of the commission, that he be appointed the Vice Chairman.

MOTION:

Election of Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chairman:

Commissioner David Payne moved to appoint Commissioner Vincent Yanni as Vice Chairman of the Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jim Parker. The appointment was then carried unanimously.

- *Bicycle Playground: (see attachment #2)* Chairman DePaolo was pleased to distribute a map detailing where the bicycle playground would fit beautifully within the Fairfield Hills Campus. All were in agreement that it was a great spot for the roughly 16,000 square foot playground. Director Mangold explained that the bicycle playground will target children within the 12 and under age group. Commissioner Payne asked Ms. Mangold if the town would need to carry additional insurance to cover any extra potential liability to which Ms. Mangold said that it is not needed. They must, however, post a disclaimer about the dangers of bicycling and a suggestion that helmets be worn. The town can only recommend helmet use, as they cannot be held accountable to enforce helmet use. Commissioner Britton asked if the playground would be fenced in to keep kids from going into the road. Assistant Director of Parks, Carl Samuelson expressed the hope that vandalism will not pose a problem, and as far as bicycles staying off the road, landscaping should suffice. The problem with fencing is the expense. The cost would be \$60,000 to \$70,000, which is almost the expense of the entire playground.

New Business:

- *Eichler's Cove Bathrooms (see attachments #3 and #4):* Assistant Director Samuelson handed out a case study of Clivus Composting Bathrooms for installation at Eichler's Cove. Funds were approved back in early 2018 for bathrooms at Eichler's, but funds were, instead, used to implement ADA guidelines at the cove. The time has finally come to put the bathrooms in, and Mr. Samuelson recommends using the Clivus Bathrooms for many reasons (see attachment #3). The reasons he is advocating for these composting toilets are many, and as follows: There is zero septic reserve at Eichler's Cove. To put in a septic system there, it would cost roughly \$65-70,000. The entire project will cost \$350,000. No need to spend that much on a septic system. Traditional toilets would have to be pumped once per year, these would be pumped twice a year. As the toilets will only be used seasonally, these composting toilets are a fantastic solution. Engineering costs would be \$20,000 less than a traditional system. The service contract with Clivus would cost approximately \$1,000 as opposed to \$500, but there will never be failed septic problems or water contamination, so it is well worth the additional \$500 for the service contract. It is environmentally friendly, as it uses foam with enzymes that break down sewage. It also fits in the exact footprint that exists at Eichler's Cove presently. Ms. Mangold agreed with all the benefits of the composting toilets, and also

heard years ago that Clivus is an exceptional company to work with, and their product is second to none. Ms. Mangold then distributed an Eichler's Cove balance sheet that illustrates the available funds for the project. (See attachment #4.) Configuration of the bathroom stalls was also discussed. The numbers were based on family stalls with two toilets in one, and a toilet and a urinal in the other. Vice Chairman Yanni questioned the wisdom of putting in a urinal at all, as opposed to just two toilets in that second bathroom. Mr. Samuelson agreed with his reasoning, and said that perhaps a motion could be made next month after getting all the numbers together for a decision.

- *Surcharge:* (See attachment #5) Ms. Mangold distributed copies of the Parks and Recreation Commission by-laws from the Newtown referencing the allocation of surcharge funds. It specifically states that surcharge funds are to be used for Capital Projects at the direction of The Commission. This is also true of anything going to the Parks and Recreation's gift fund. It was recently discussed why Parks and Recreation wasn't paying for an \$8,000 water bill out of surcharge monies, and thus, prompted the conversation. It was brought up at the meeting because Ms. Mangold wanted the new commissioners to know the by-laws regarding the surcharge fund. While on the subject of surcharge, Mr. Samuelson mentioned that the Field Use Manual is being updated for the first time in years, mostly just getting dates and addresses current. However, he did want to give the commission the heads up that he would like to raise some of the field use fees. This would not likely affect Newtown sports groups, but rather outside field groups. At one time, Newtown's prices were on the higher end of average for outside groups, but now they are on the low end price-wise. The prices have not been raised in years, and Mr. Samuelson thinks it is time to do so.

Correspondence: (See attachments #6, #7, #8 and #9)

- *A letter to the zoning board of appeals regarding construction of a house across from Newtown Forest Association's trail,* (See attachment #6). Although not a Parks and Recreation issue, per se, Ms. Mangold wanted to make the commission aware of ongoing town discussion on this issue.
- *A letter from The Newtown Scholarship Association,* (See attachment #7). Thanking Newtown Parks and Recreation for its ongoing support, applying our donation of \$885 to the Lee Davenson Memorial Scholarship
- *A letter from Mr. Chris Cappozziello,* (See attachment #8). This letter accompanied a check for \$22,400 to put toward the memorial to be erected at the skatepark in loving memory of his son, Thomas.
- *An email to RoseAnn Reggiano,* (see attachment #9). A happy Parks and Recreation customer letting Parks and Recreation know how much her daughter, Rory, enjoyed the Stem Volleyball program.

Chairman's Report:

Clinton DePaolo, Chairman Newtown Parks and Recreation:

- *None.*

Director's Report:

Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Ms. Mangold was pleased to report that some covid restrictions have lessened and winter programming is picking up. Swim Team is back from a slight break in its winter season, and the Masters Swimming program is running this spring.
- The torpedoes made a \$10,000 donation to the Newtown Scholarship association in memory of Daniel Barden from monies raised from past swim-a-thons earmarked for this purpose.
- Spring and summer programs are looking great. Ms. RoseAnn Reggiano has sent the brochure to the Newtown Bee for publication. They have been working with Kristin Rebelo to get lifeguards hired, trained or recertified. RoseAnn is doing the same for the rest of the summer staff.
- Parks and Recreation partnered with the Economic and Community development for a #welovenewtown campaign. It promoted Newtown businesses and organizations. Villarina's Pasta Shop was the winner with the most hashtags received.
- The Lions Club is fundraising for more adaptive playground equipment at Dickinson Park. They have just begun to reach out to Mr. Samuelson to make some plans and designs for this purpose.
- A small memorial is being planned at the Victory Garden for a dear friend who was lost this winter. Jeff Schwartz was the garden beekeeper. He will be greatly missed, and he mentored a young scout, Zosia. She will be taking over the beekeeping at the garden, and is helping to plan the memorial, as well. The wooden bench desired to erect in Jeff's honor, does not meet regulations for the campus regarding benches. Ms. Mangold will be helping her find an appropriate solution, as well as, working with George Benson to find a uniform sign solution for the town. There are currently no standards for educational signage for the parks and other town properties. It would be helpful to remedy that.
- In February the maintainers put in 37 straight hours of plow and storm cleanup work. They worked very hard along with public works to keep everything clear and cleaned up.
- Last week Ms. Mangold and Mr. Samuelson interviewed several good candidates for the open maintainer position - two stood out, in particular. There may be room for both.
- Ms. Mangold is very excited to announce that Parks and Recreation has been selected for technical assistance services from the Active CT grant. They will be providing a free study and route plan for the much desired rail trail to connect from Fairfield Hills Campus to Monroe. Tim Malone will present Ms. Mangold with a proposal for her to take to the Selectman. It is an award that does not need to be matched, and there is no obligation to the town, whatsoever.
- Progressive bike ramps has delivered a preliminary design for the bicycle playground.
- Parks and Recreation is participating in a joint town effort to keep our community informed about youth substance abuse called, Hidden in Plain Sight.
- Parks and Recreation is promoting the rental of the band shell at Dickinson Park. There is no reason it should not be rented as widely as the pavilions are, Ms. Mangold stated.
- Concerts are all scheduled for the Thursday evenings at Dickinson Park (see attachment #10). Kate Geerer has been doing an excellent job of fundraising and hiring bands for the summer concerts. There will be no children's concert series this summer, due to Covid.

- Softball and baseball are both offering new programs through Parks & Recreation, in addition to the baseball camps that Ian Thoessen has been running through us for years.
- Parks and Recreation is now able to get back into the schools for programming. They have a wonderful relationship with the schools, and the superintendent herself phoned to encourage using the school facilities, once again.

Assistant Director's Reports: (See attachments #11, #12 & #13.)

RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation:

- Ms. Reggiano informed the commission that the Valentine Floral Design workshop had 7 participants, and everyone really enjoyed it. (See attachment #11). They said it was very relaxing and wanted another scheduled. The next floral workshop is set for March 25 and so far 6 people have registered. She expects it to fill up.
- Offering a new event this year called "Egg Dash at Home". (See attachment #12). It is for residents only because driving to everyone in Newtown is already proving to be quite a challenge in and of itself. It has gotten a tremendous response, with all 65 slots filled.
- The stem volleyball program went very well, with a total of 14 players. (Please see correspondence regarding an email from a very happy parent).
- Ms. Reggiano is working with Tim Snyder to provide a woodworking class that is generating a lot of buzz. People are excited about it.
- All the Eichler's Cove wardens have returned for another season.
- She has 60 Lifeguard applications to sort through, with a total of 35 lifeguards returning. Looking to hire Assistant Waterfront Directors, normally 2 are hired, but she is considering hiring three this summer.
- Ms. Reggiano has 20 returning camp counselors, and is going to be hiring 12 – 14 new counselors for Summer 2021.
- Ms. Reggiano wants to give a big thank you to Ms. Jan Brown. Jan donated her time to teach pickleball classes to 10 participants. She also runs the drop-in pickleball group on Monday mornings at the Edmond Town Hall which averages 10 players per week. There is a reason Jan is known as Newtown's Pickleball Ambassador!
- Mr. Ken Henderson will be offering more pickleball lessons this spring at Treadwell Park.
- This summer, Parks & Recreation will be offering Deepwater Aerobics and AquaCardio on Tuesday mornings at Treadwell Park.
- Registration is open for all programs, both spring and summer. Day camp is also ready for registration.
- The Parks and Recreation brochure is at The Bee and should be out in about one week.
- A new part time employee has been hired, Harrison Farah. He has been assisting with program promotion and keeping the website and calendar of events updated. He is doing a wonderful job, and Ms. Reggiano could not be happier with him.
- Parks and Recreation is looking for someone who is able to work weekends down at Lake Lillinonah.

- Ms. Reggiano happily announced that the Rooster Run will be live again this year. The date is set for June 5, 2021.

Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks: (See attachment #14)

- *Please see attachment.*

Commissioners out and about:

- *None.*

Motion: Adjournment of Meeting

Commission Vice Chairman Vincent Yanni moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Commissioner Jim Parker seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-purpose Room located at 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT unless changed to virtual due to Covid restrictions.

Submitted by,

Kate Geerer, clerk

To access a recording of this meeting, please copy and paste the following URL into your Internet browser: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1jzKxXx4u9ZFz8zCzi-BdftU9EXDz-r>

		TOWN OF NEWTOWN				
		2021 - 2022 BUDGET - BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS				
MEETING DATE: 03/04/2021	FUNCTION / DEPARTMENT / ACCOUNT	2021-2022 BUDGET BOS / BOE PROPOSED	BOARD OF FINANCE ADJUSTMENTS	2021-2022 BUDGET BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS	
	PUBLIC SAFETY					
	FIRE					
Capital		137,237	(34,497)	102,740	Capital adjustment is planned to be funded in the capital & non-recurring fund. Proposed funding will be the use of general fund, fund balance exceeding the fund balance policy of 12% (of total general fund expenditures).	
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
Capital		9,300	(9,300)	-		
	PUBLIC WORKS					
	TRANSFER STATION					
Capital		65,000	(65,000)	-		
	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE					
Capital		10,000	(10,000)	-		
	RECREATION & LEISURE					
	PARKS & RECREATION					
Capital		49,500	(28,000)	21,500		
	CONTINGENCY					
Contingency		140,000	(25,000)	115,000	Contingency line item reduced to \$115,000	
	DEBT SERVICE					
Bond Interest		2,456,941	(12,274)	2,444,667	Adjusted to actual interest amount per amortization schedule. Bonds were sold on 03/03/2021.	
	BOARD OF EDUCATION					
Education		80,682,470	(489,491)	80,192,979	\$140,000 line item reduction. \$29,491 reduction to IT capital equipment (see first comment) \$320,000 reduction to building & site projects (see first comment)	
TOTAL BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS		124,608,397	(673,562)	123,934,835		



Case Study

Public Facility

Veasey Park

Deerfield, NH

Profile

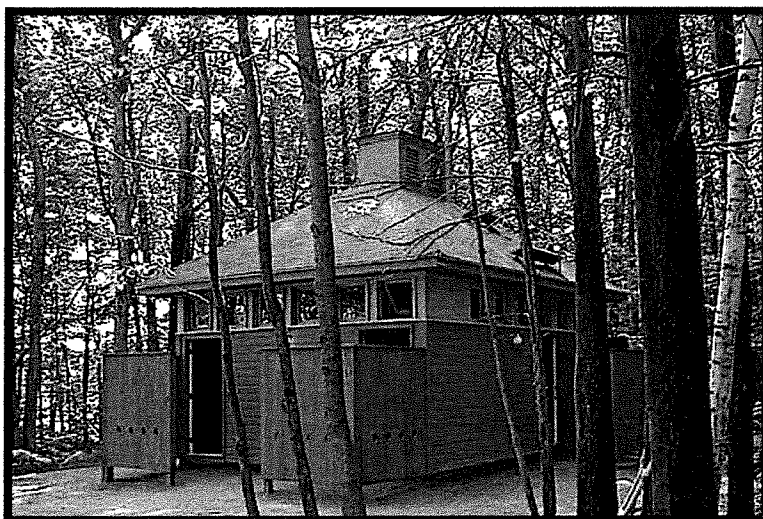
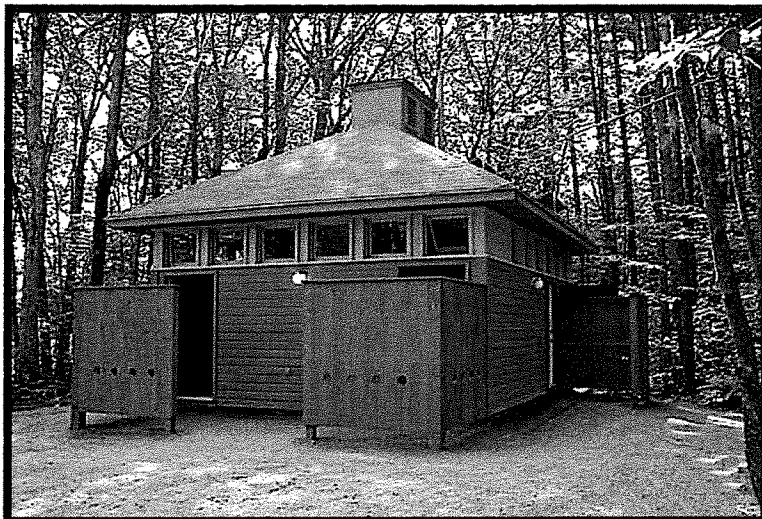
- Town Beach
- Current system in failure
- Season of use June thru August
- Close proximity to lake

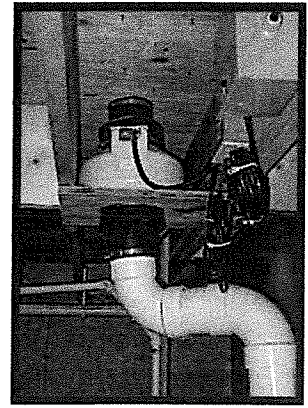
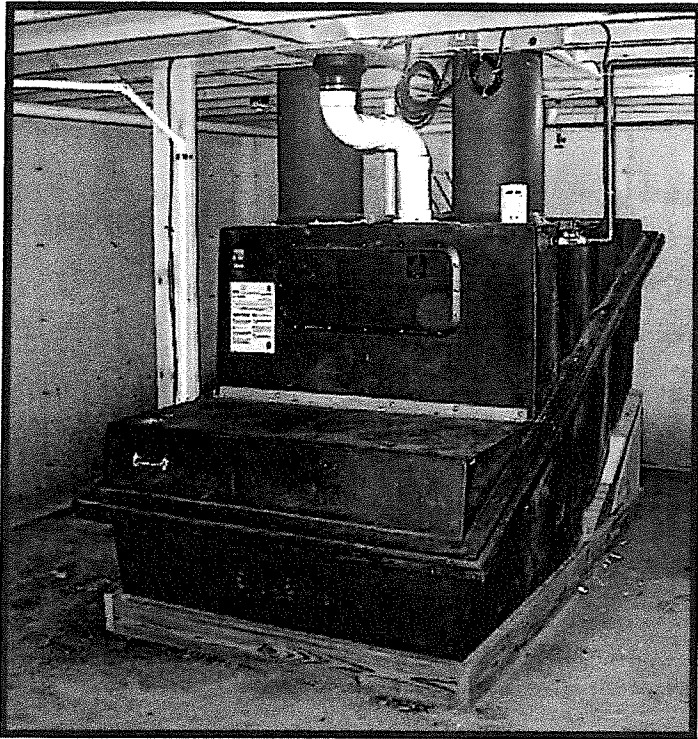
Challenge

- Eliminate polluting discharge from conventional toilets
- Apply for grant money for improvements
- Provide new bathroom facilities with a minimal amount of site disturbance
- Conserve fresh water

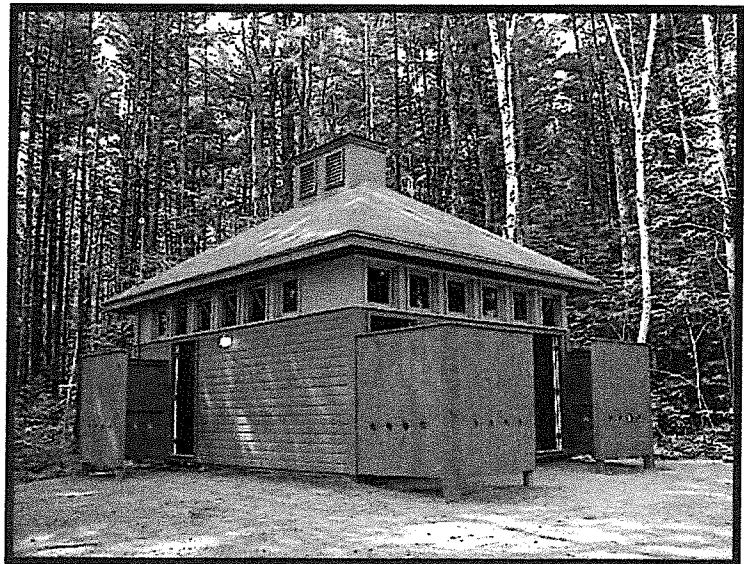
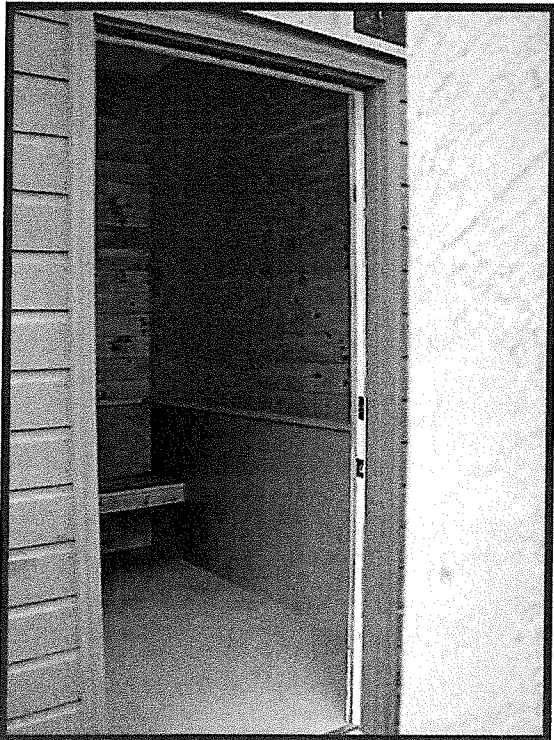
Solution

- Eliminated sewage altogether
- Site disturbance was contained to the footprint of the building
- Installed 3 waterless toilet fixtures and 1 waterless urinal
- Installed 1 model M-12 composter [★]
M-32
- Grant provided by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services





The M-12 composter, liquid storage tank and ventilation fan are all located in the 7' 6" basement. The storage tank makes the system "zero discharge" thus keeping Nitrogen out of the lake. The ventilation fan runs continually during the season of use to maintain an odor-free restroom.



Private changing rooms are located in separate areas behind the restrooms.

POWERSCHOOL
 DATE: 02/02/2021
 TIME: 15:44:25

NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER
 TRIAL BALANCE

PAGE NUMBER: 1
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Attachment # 4

SELECTION CRITERIA: genledgr.fund='168'
 ACCOUNTING PERIOD: 13/20

FUND/ BUDGET UNIT	ACCOUNT	TITLE	DEBITS	CREDITS
FUND - 168 - EICHLERS COVE MARINA				
168	1000	CASH - GENERAL FUND	.00	
168	1001	CASH - PAYROLL	.00	
168	1033	CASH-EICHLERS COVE	.00	
168	1050	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	.00	
TOTAL ASSETS			.00	
168	2000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		6,811.86
168	2006	SALES TAX PAYABLE		603.32
168	2030	DUE TO/FROM GENERAL FUND		7,415.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES			376,365.87	134,828.71
168	3020	FUND BALANCE - COMMITTED		.00
168	3050	FUND BALANCE - UNASSIGNED		292,366.21
168	3051	BUDGET FUND BALANCE		.00
168	3052	EXP BUD CTRL		.00
168	3053	REV BUD CTRL		.00
168	3054	ENG CTRL		.00
168	3055	PAY RES FOR ENC		.00
168	3056	PAY FOR ENC		.00
168	3057	PAY ENC CTRL		.00
TOTAL EQUITIES			.00	292,366.21
168035500000	4370	BOAT SLIP FEES		134,828.71
168035500000	4371	SEASONAL BOAT LAUNCH FEES		2,986.25
168035500000	4372	SEASONAL BEACH PASS		10,241.00
168035500000	4373	DAILY BOAT LAUNCH PASS		535.00
168035500000	4374	DAILY BEACH PASS		900.00
168035500000	4375	DRY STORAGE		2,941.29
168035500000	4575	OTHER INCOME		.00
TOTAL REVENUE			.00	152,482.50
168165500000	5117	SALARIES - SEASONAL	33,653.05	
168165500000	5220	SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	829.61	
168165500000	5301	FEES & PROF SERVICES	.00	
168165500000	5421	CLEANING SVS - DISPOSAL	.00	
168165500000	5430	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERV	5,185.29	
168165500000	5505	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	32,451.24	
168165500000	5610	GENERAL SUPPLIES	509.27	
168165500000	5611	OFFICE SUPPLIES	487.00	
168165500000	5741	MACH & EQUIP - MACHINERY	.00	
168165500000	5749	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,366.00	
168165500000	5800	OTHER EXPENDITURES	416.56	
TOTAL EXPENSES			75,898.02	.00
TOTAL EICHLERS COVE MARINA			452,263.89	452,263.89
TOTAL REPORT			452,263.89	452,263.89

→ End of 1054 beginning of 1055

→ 1054 = 4941, 828.71

→ 1055 = 75,898.02

→ 368,950.69

SELECTION CRITERIA: genledgr.fund='168'
 ACCOUNTING PERIOD: 9/21

FUND - 168 - EICHLERS COVE MARINA	FUND/ BUDGET UNIT	ACCOUNT	TITLE	DEBITS	CREDITS
	168	1000	CASH - GENERAL FUND		31,769.40
	168	1001	CASH - PAYROLL		
	168	1033	CASH-EICHLERS COVE	124,507.00	
	168	1050	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	.00	
		TOTAL ASSETS		124,507.00	31,769.40
	168	2000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		.00
	168	2006	SALES TAX PAYABLE		5,750.94
	168	2030	DUE TO/FROM GENERAL FUND	324,512.81	
		TOTAL LIABILITIES		324,512.81	5,750.94
	168	3020	FUND BALANCE - COMMITTED		.00
	168	3050	FUND BALANCE - UNASSIGNED		368,950.69
	168	3051	BUDGET FUND BALANCE		.00
	168	3052	EXP BUD CTRL		.00
	168	3053	REV BUD CTRL		.00
	168	3054	ENC CTRL		.00
	168	3055	PAY RES FOR ENC	1,740.01	.00
	168	3056	RES FOR ENC		1,740.01
	168	3057	PAY ENC CTRL		.00
		TOTAL EQUITIES		1,740.01	370,690.70
	168035500000	4370	BOAT SLIP FEES		116,962.68
	168035500000	4371	SEASONAL BOAT LAUNCH FEES		623.00
	168035500000	4372	SEASONAL BEACH PASS		4,640.00
	168035500000	4373	DAILY BOAT LAUNCH PASS		240.00
	168035500000	4374	DAILY BEACH PASS		600.00
	168035500000	4375	DRY STORAGE		1,891.70
	168055500000		OTHER INCOME	.00	.00
		TOTAL REVENUE		.00	124,959.38
	168165500000	5117	SALARIES - SEASONAL	53,346.20	
	168165500000	5220	SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	4,080.94	
	168165500000	5301	FEES & PROF SERVICES		.00
	168165500000	5421	CLEANING SVS - DISPOSAL		.00
	168165500000	5430	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERV	25.92	
	168165500000	5505	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	24,692.54	
	168165500000	5610	GENERAL SUPPLIES		.00
	168165500000	5611	OFFICE SUPPLIES		.00
	168165500000	5741	MACH & EQUIP - MACHINERY		.00
	168165500000	5749	CAPITAL OUTLAY		.00
	168165500000	5800	OTHER EXPENDITURES	265.00	
		TOTAL EXPENSES		82,410.60	.00
		TOTAL EICHLERS COVE MARINA		533,170.42	533,170.42
		TOTAL REPORT		533,170.42	533,170.42

$$370,690.70 \rightarrow \text{current}$$

$$116,962.68 + 623.00 + 4,640.00 + 240.00 + 600.00 + 1,891.70 = 495,650.08$$

$$495,650.08 - 82,410.60 = 413,239.48$$

\$ 413,239.48

*Town of Newtown, CT
Tuesday, March 9, 2021*

Chapter 20. Commissions and Committees

Article I. Parks and Recreation Commission

§ 20-5. Disbursement of funds.

- A. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department shall authorize the disbursement of all funds appropriated by the Town of Newtown for parks and recreation purposes, by endorsement of his approval on all invoices and bills based on the approved budget for the fiscal year.
- B. Disbursements from the Parks and Recreation Gift Fund shall be made on order of the Parks and Recreation Commission only, in accordance with the terms of the specific gifts or bequests, which make up said fund. With proper documentation, all checks drawn on the Gift Fund shall be signed by the First Selectman and by the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown. The funds referred to herein are for the exclusive use of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- C. Disbursements from the Parks and Recreation Surcharge Fund shall be made on order of the Parks and Recreation Commission only, for capital projects. With proper documentation, all checks drawn on the Surcharge Fund shall be signed by the First Selectman and by the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown. The funds referred to herein are for the exclusive use of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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Chapter 20. Commissions and Committees

Article I. Parks and Recreation Commission

§ 20-8. Transfer of surplus to general fund.

✓ All funds in the custody of the Financial Director in the Parks and Recreation Commission Town Recreation Fund (collected from user fees and not part of the Surcharge Fund) that have not been encumbered shall, at the end of the fiscal year, be transferred to the Town of Newtown general fund.

*Town of Newtown, CT
Tuesday, March 9, 2021*

Chapter 20. Commissions and Committees

Article I. Parks and Recreation Commission

§ 20-4. Finances.

- A. The funds available to the Parks and Recreation Commission or for park purposes from any source shall be placed in the custody of the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown, to be held, administered and disbursed by the Financial Director as part of, and through, the Town of Newtown General Fund.
- B. The funds available to the Parks and Recreation Commission or for park purposes from specific gifts or bequest shall be placed in the custody of the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown and shall be kept by the Financial Director in an account, which shall be known as the "Newtown Parks and Recreation Gift Fund," which account shall be separate and distinct from all other Town accounts.
- C. The funds available to the Parks and Recreation Commission from the Parks and Recreation Surcharge Fund shall be placed in the custody of the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown, and shall be kept by him, in an account known as the "Parks and Recreation Surcharge Fund," which account will be separate from all other Town accounts.

Thomas & Dorothy Dwyer
8 Obtuse Rd.
Newtown, CT 06470
203 270 8907
thomas.s.dwyer@gmail.com

COPY

February 27, 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals
Land Use Agency
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

We are writing to you because we have become aware that you have been asked to provide a variance regarding the property at #4 Obtuse Rd. that would permit a house to be built there.

This is a very unique property in Newtown. Pond Brook, which borders it on the east and also borders our adjacent property, is a beautiful Class A trout stream that should be protected by the town. Years ago hay was grown on the property and sold each year therefore it's part of Newtown's agricultural history. It's across the street from the former Lands End Schoolhouse that was active until the 1950's and therefore also part of our history. On the other side of the brook is the former roadbed of the Shepaug Valley Railroad which is a possible site for a Rails-To-Trails walking and biking path which would be a lovely addition to this side of Newtown. Fortunately, much of the former railroad's land is owned by the town and the Newtown Forest Association therefore acquisition should not be a problem but a house situated on formerly vacant land across from it would spoil the woodland scenery in that part of the trail. Please don't let the full enjoyment of this possible recreation area be limited by approving the requested variance.

We also believe that the building of a house on property with wetlands in close proximity is unjustified.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas & Dorothy Dwyer

→ cc: Parks & Recreation Commission, 3 Primrose St., Newtown, CT 06470
cc: Bike & Trails Committee, 3 Primrose St., Newtown, CT 06470
cc: Conservation Commission, 3 Primrose St., Newtown, CT 06470



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January 22, 2021

Newtown Parks & Recreation
3 Main St
Newtown, CT 06470-2104

Dear Newtown Parks & Recreation,

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Newtown Scholarship Association, thank you for your generous donation of \$885.00, dated 12/23/2020, especially in this most challenging year. We will apply your donation to the Lee Davenson Memorial Scholarship.

NSA typically supports more than 150 students from Newtown through the award of approximately \$250,000 in scholarships, including continuing aid beyond just the student's freshman year.

Since its founding in 1937, the NSA has given well over \$4.5 million in financial aid to thousands of young people from our community. That is quite an accomplishment for a small-town volunteer organization. And it would not be possible without the generosity of friends like you.

We, and the students, are very grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Margaret McCarthy
Assistant Treasurer
Corresponding Secretary

Please retain this receipt for tax purposes. Gifts are tax deductible as permitted by law. No goods or services were provided in return or exchange for this contribution. Newtown Scholarship Association Inc. is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization, incorporated in the State of Connecticut. Our federal tax ID no. is 06-6059483.

Dear Amy,

I leave this in your
very capable hands
and am comforted
to know that it can
only turn out well.

Thanks for being you.

Love
Chris

1/22/400

1/26/2021

Town of Newtown Mail - Re: Newtown Parks and Recreation Stem Volleyball



Roseann Reggiano <roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov>

Re: Newtown Parks and Recreation Stem Volleyball

maryo73@aol.com <maryo73@aol.com>

Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 9:42 AM

Reply-To: maryo73@aol.com

To: "roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov" <roseann.reggiano@newtown-ct.gov>

Rory really enjoyed these volleyball/stem sessions. I am so glad we were able to fit it in.

Thanks again

Mary DAly

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NEWTOWN PARKS & RECREATION
together with
CLARIS CONSTRUCTION
present

2021 FREE SUMMER CONCERTS
Dickinson Bandshell

Thursday Family-friendly Concerts

6:30 - 8 pm

6/24 - Keltic Kick

7/1 - Goldrush

7/8 - Survivor's Swing Band

7/15 - Kathy Thompson Band

7/22 - Tales of Joy

7/29 - Jake Kulak and the Low Down

8/5 - Head Over Heels

Bring your blanket and picnic basket!!

(social distancing enforced)



Newtown
COMMUNITY CENTER

Newtown Parks and Recreation and Newtown Community Center

Presents:

Springtime Floral Design Workshop with Susan Spanger of Bloomful Floral Design

Thursday, March 25, 2021

6:30-8:00pm

Newtown Community Center

8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT

Activity 314104 -A

\$70 per participant (90 minutes includes tutorial and all materials and supplies)

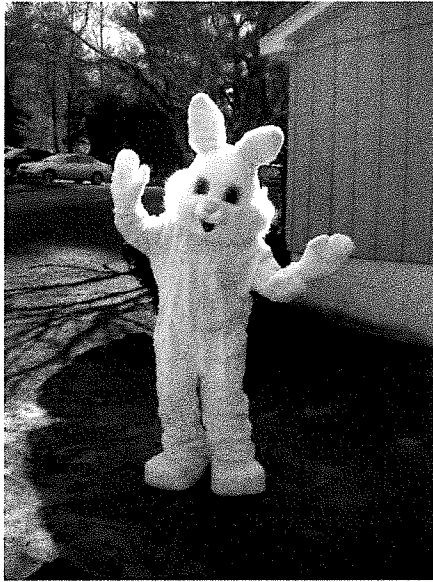
Unleash your creative side and usher in Spring with an evening of floral arranging with Susan Spanger of Bloomful Floral Design. This class will teach participants how to construct an abundant Spring arrangement tucked in a lovely moss planter box. Arrangements will be full of the best of the season including ranunculus, tulips, freesia and calla lilies in vibrant colors. Join us for a fun evening of blooms, meet new people and learn new skills, all in celebration of Mother Earth!

All ages and levels welcome. Parents are welcome to bring their children and work together

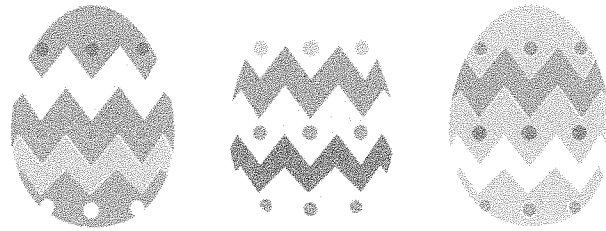
To register: Call 203-270-4340 or visit <https://www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation>

***Masks will be required, materials will be sanitized and participants will have social distancing.**





EGG DASH AT YOUR HOME



The spring bunny is back and ready to deliver! Sign up to have the bunny deliver filled eggs to local front yards

All participants will be entered in a drawing for a family prize basket
Name will be drawn on Monday, 3/22

\$25 per family- will include egg hunt for your family and time for photos. Bunny will spend approximately 10 minutes at each stop

Eggs will be delivered on either March 20th or March 21st
Schedule will be provided after registration closes on March 11th
Activity Code: 314501-A

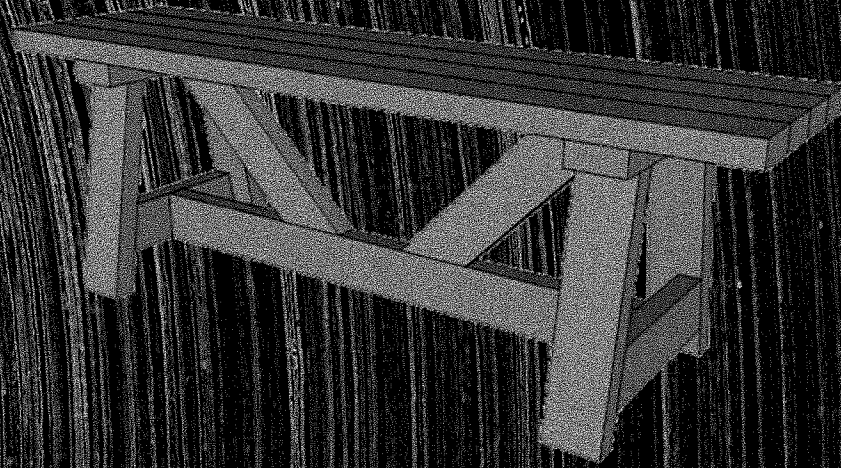
Registrants must ensure yards are safe for staff to visit - if safety is in question, a location may be skipped at the discretion of staff

Face masks will be worn and social distancing rules will be followed



To register please visit
Newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation
Or call (203) 270-4340

Intro. To Woodworking



Build a Simple Garden Bench w/ Tim Synder!

It is time to make things from wood! This introductory class will focus on using basic tools safely and accurately to build stuff. We will also cover topics like buying tools, sharpening, selecting lumber, project planning, and using jigs. Students will have the opportunity to build a garden bench while learning basic woodworking skills.

Activity #: 317402A Fee: \$195

Tuesdays and Thursdays

05/04/2021 -05/27/2021 @4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickinson Park Pavilion

Sponsored By Newtown Parks & Recreation

Register @ <https://www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation>

Or call 203-270-4340



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CARL SAMUELSON
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARKS

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND FIELDS REPORT

TO: Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission,
Amy Mangold, Director

FROM: Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director – Parks

DATE: March 9, 2021

RE: Monthly park update and field report

Much of January was dealing with snow removal and clean up after storms. We had some tree cleanup work as well which was wind storm related.

Dickinson Park: Two large white pines came down in front of the park which were cleaned up and removed. We removed graffiti from the skate park here as well.

Newtown Middle School: No new news here.

Orchard Hill: The large meadow areas were brush hogged and invasive removal in the meadows was completed.

Lake Lillinonah: The crushed pipe related to the failed storm drain was completed here and the related sink holes were filled. Minor seawall repairs were completed. Some touch up will be required this spring as we were snowed in before completion.

Oakview: No new news here.

Tilson Field: No new news here.

Treadwell Soccer/Softball: The existing field hockey goals were rebuilt/repared.

Glander Fields: No new news here.

Liberty Fields: No new news here.

Walnut Tree: The waters edge was brush hogged to keep invasive woody material to a minimum.

Fairfield Hills: Moving of snow on campus following storms keeps the crew busy for days after a storm. If we do not move these piles we do not have room to plow snow from the next storm. We are just finishing up limbing up trees and clearing brush at the cul-de-sac at the end of Keeting Farms Rd.

NHS Fields: The damaged softball field dugout was cleaned up after the wind storm.

Sandy Hook School: No new news here.

Hawley School Fields: No new news here.

Eichlers Cove Marina: All is quiet.

Dog Park: Engraved pavers were added to the existing paver area.

Treadwell Park: The camp room walls and floors have all been painted. Clean up behind the camp room has also been completed. The filter room venting/a/c has been installed. Some of the wood guardrail was repaired where a car must of hit.

Pole Bridge Preserve: We completed seasonal brush hogging here.

Watertown Field: No new news here.

Staff:

- 360 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 1672 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 21.5% loss in workforce.