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**Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes**

July 29, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via zoom

Present: Cynthia Antos; Wayne Barber; Dianne Keefe; Robbie L'heureux;  
Renee Waldron

Meeting called to order by Cynthia Antos at 6:34 p.m.

New Business:

Nip Bottle Program: Art exhibit to be placed in Riverside Park overseen by Sarah, art teacher from school, to create 4 -5 fish designs with the nips that were collected in 2020. The fins of the fish to be different colors.

A crowdfunding campaign will fund the project with a match from Sustainable CT. Motion made by Cynthia Antos to approve art in the park installation as presented and seconded by Dianne Keefe. Motion passes

Motion by Dianne Keefe and seconded by Cynthia Antos to approve Heather Gauthier-Bourgeois to be recording secretary for Thompson Recreation Commission. Wayne Barber asked if it was a volunteer service.

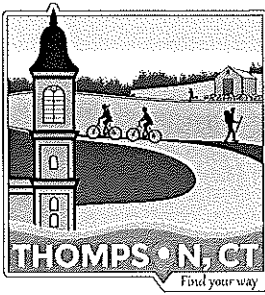
Renee stated that was a paid position to post the meeting; do the agenda; take the notes at meetings and do the minutes for a flat rate of \$75.00 each meeting. Motion passes

Robbie L'heureux made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Donna Poitras be appointed to the Recreation Commission. Motion passes

*Motion was seconded by Dianne Keefe*

Renee, Cindy & Wayne spoke in regards to recommending Brian Lievense for the position of Recreation Director of the Thompson Recreation Department. After interviewing a good pool applicants, the search committee, unanimously agreed to recommend Mr. Lievense to the Recreation Commission. There were ten applications, two were not at all professional, two indicated no relevant experience or experience, one declined an interview leaving five applicants who interviewed. Wayne Barber made a motion seconded by Robbie L'heureux to recommend the following to the Board of Selectmen:

Mr. Brian Lievense be hired for Recreation Director at the budgeted salary of \$53,300 and after a ninety day probation period the salary be increased to \$58,500



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with the additional funds coming from within the Recreation budget as was approved at June's Recreation Commission meeting. Motion Passes

**Old Business:**

Expenditure of funds to purchase permanent trash bins for Riverside Park. The First Selectman has decided that if someone "brings in trash" that person/persons should "bring trash out" of the park. Renee asked about the part-time park staff picking up trash at Riverside Park, seeing no trash bins will be placed in the Park. Before the last concert the park was mowed and cleaned. Renee emailed the director of public works to thank him.

Cynthia Antos request a letter of recognition for service be sent to Steve Bordua. Renee announced that Robert Monahan has moved to Woodstock therefore he can no longer be on the commission. A letter will be drafted to Mr. Monahan as well.

Cynthia Antos made the motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Minutes were written by Cynthia Antos