

South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

South Windsor Parks and Recreation Department

Attendees: Ginny Hole, Kim Nowell, Steve Wagner, Jeff Harner, Roy Norman, John Galeota, Skip Burke, Molly Keays, Yanil Teron

Call Meeting to Order: 7:05 p.m., please note meeting was recorded & videoed.

April 2023 Minutes – Approved

Public Participation – None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ginny Hole shares that SWW&WW has completed an application for a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Act of Transportation microgrant program and subsequently awarded \$5,000. The \$5,000 will be used for new bikes and adaptive bikes for the town's 4th grade bike program. Ginny Hole shares with Jeff Harner that he can begin the process of researching and purchasing these bikes. Steve Wagner mentions that there may be a need for larger size helmets for the 4th grade bike program. The commission then goes on to discuss which shops they may consider when purchasing these items and where they will be stored in the future.
- John Caldwell has retired as Parks Superintendent, and Dave Turkington will be taking over in the interim.
- South Windsor Cross Town Trail updates include Director Keays sharing that she is working with the town to get the Wetland permitting in place. A meeting is scheduled for mid-May to work on the application and Director Keays is hopeful to get on the agenda for the Town Council in June.
- 4th grade bike program at Pleasant Valley School went well. Moving forward Ginny Hole suggest letting the SWPD know when the ride is happening and/or perhaps joining the ride. Eli Terry's ride is coming up on May 20, 21, 23 & 24 and Ginny Hole said they are still in need of volunteers for the event
- The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways Website is up running. You can find it under "adult events" on the Parks and Recreation RecDesk website.
- The Town Managers Report has a list of all the sidewalks proposed for the town. You can find it attached to the agenda on the Town Councils Commission page.
- Adopt a road program on April 13 saw 10 participants and was successful.
- SWW&WWs attended the Parks and Recreations Earth Day event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fall/Winter events are due for the Parks and Recreation catalog May 30. Ginny Hole shares that there will need to be a discussion about which events will be put into the fall/winter catalog. Such events will include moonlight walks, daytime hikes, bike rides and bike repair workshops. Parks and Recreation Director Molly Keays does share that the Poker Ryed will not take place this year, as in the years passed the events have been cancelled due to lack of registration.
- May 20th Town Council Meeting, Ginny Hole will be there to announce May as National Bike Month.
- Wednesday morning bike rides have been extended to first Wednesday in June. Meet at Nevers Park at 9:45 a.m.
- Sunset Hike will take place on June 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jeff Harner shares that he is doing a bike checkup for the Boy Scouts, Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Rotary Pavilion at Nevers Park.. The Boy Scouts are doing a 15 miles bike ride and they appreciate the bike checkup, ensuring a safe ride. The event is 7:30 p.m. at the Nevers Pavilion.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Windsor Parks and Recreation Department located at 350 Foster Street, South Windsor, CT 06074