

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385-3825
May 26, 2022
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dierberger, April Dipollina, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Bev Jackson, Elisa Marcoux, Betsie Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon

Others Present: John Massicotte, Chris Pierce, Cres Seccaroli

1. **Call to Order:** 10:49 AM

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Additions to Agenda:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Bestie motioned to approve the minutes. April seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Camp Harkness Foundation:**

A. Garden Cleanup

- April discussed ongoing issue with garden clean up and the need for volunteers
- Shannon and Marion have volunteered many hours doing clean up
- The responsibility needs to be shared to get the work done

B. Camper-ships

- Foundation members met with Sunrise director regarding Camper-ships
- Members discussed staying true to the mission of the Foundation to support the camps
- Will send checks when needs are known
- The question of DDS paying for camp for DDS clients was raised
- Some funding comes through IFS grants which are paid all over the state

C. Fundraising

- No update

D. Playground

- Elisa met with O'Brien on site – has a plan for Playground
- John exploring Bond monies

7. **Old Business:**

A. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant:

- Chris reported
- Air conditioning replaced and running in Yellow and Brown Cabins
- Water is on
- Dumpster delivered
- Trying to keep up with grass cutting
- Planting area and issue with paving
- Creating new planters - will put them closer to Greenhouse as an option this season
- Waiting quotes for asphalt
- Several trees taken down – DOT bringing stump grinder
- Gliders in Brown area and glider by water
- John requesting purchase orders for concrete under shelters
- Painting Brown Cabins and Shower House
- Repairing fire pits

- Roof on Shower House
- Quote for new Gate House
- Water on Beach Road – meeting with DEP to address question of whether the road can be raised
- Green Cabins possible to do new roofs because they are not utilized this season

ii. Camp Usage/ Events:

- Elisa gave report for April (see attached)
- Cabin users: 9
- Day visitors: 502
- Campers: 0
- Volunteers: 85 (25 in Garden; 52 Master Gardeners, 8 Office Staff)
- Continued staffing issues – interviews are ongoing
- Beach closed due to lack of lifeguards
- Signs posted stating: No Swimming Allowed
- Jackie also posted on Facebook
- Official message on website
- Stan suggested contacting Rob Brule to have Waterford PD drive through during staffing short-comes
- Request for more beds – received 18 new mattresses
- CW Resources informed Director that they are doubling prices because of low attendance
- Jackson questioned the contract – should it be reviewed to see if requires guaranteed numbers
- Follow up with Business Office and DAS
- Heather questioned how it was possible to obtain Camp Pass on present link
- Current form says 1-Day Pass
- Elisa will resolve issue

B. DDS Updates:

- No Updates

C. Advocacy:

- No Updates

D. Dan Steward Bench:

- No Update

E. Reservation System:

- No update

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment: 11:47 AM

Next Meeting: June 23, 2022, TBA

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary