

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2024**

This meeting was held via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE: Cruz Cotto, Vice President; Lee Grisby, John Mark Hosier, Denese Taylor-Moye, Lillian Wade

OTHERS: Tatiana Urena, Parks Department; Brett Caulfield, Superintendent of Parks; Luis Burgos, Public Facilities Director; Lee Nastu, Parks; Luann Conine, Recreation; Sam Kadi, Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course; Phil Blagys, Black Rock Community Council; Ernest Brown, Team Focus Enterprise Entertainment, Marcus Brown, Bridgeport Pride Center; Anthony Paoletto, Mayor’s Office; Jason Coombs, Bridgeport Pride; Aida Rivera, LoveLink Inc.; Tawanna Newton-Barnhill, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Debbie Sims, East End NRZ Market and Café; Shereen Dixon; Rick Landau, Ash Creek Conservation Association; Latoya Johnson, Left Hearts, Inc.

OPENING CEREMONY / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cotto called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. He then led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Urena called the roll. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

**** COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2024 MEETING.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2024 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM:

The public may call the Office of Parks and Recreation at 203-576-7234 and speak with Tatiana Urena or email her at tatiana.urena@bridgeportct.gov to sign up for Public Speaking.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Latoya Johnson, Left Hearts, Inc., 3 Edwin Street 2nd floor, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the annual Rest in Peace Games on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Newfield Park from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a set-up at 10:00 a.m. and clean-up at 7:00 p.m. for approximately 100 people.

Ms. Johnson was not present on the call.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM OB-1. LATOYA JOHNSON, LEFT HEARTS, INC., 3 EDWIN STREET 2 ND FLOOR, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL REST IN PEACE GAMES ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 AT NEWFIELD PARK FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 7:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Phil Blagys, Black Rock Community Council, 258 Balmforth Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the Black Rock Fireworks display on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at Seaside Park – West End Field from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a set-up at noon and clean-up at 8:00 p.m. for approximately 50 people or less.

Mr. Blagys greeted the Commissioners. Commissioner Hosier said that they had discussed this event last year and it was approved. Mr. Blagys said that it was part of a celebration at Black Rock Harbor and would include a boat parade. While the actual fireworks display only lasts about a half hour, the fireworks company needs access between 12 noon and 1 p.m. The Fire Department and the Police Department will both be present during the set up and later during the display. Both the Fire Department and Police Department need to approve this event. Seaside Park is closed at this time and they will be setting up on the west field. Last year, everything was approved by all the agencies, but the weather was not conducive to holding the display.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM OB-2. PHIL BLAGYS, BLACK ROCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 258 BALMFORTH STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE BLACK ROCK FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – WEST END FIELD FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT NOON AND CLEAN-UP AT 8:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE OR LESS.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ernest Brown, Team Focus Enterprise Entertainment, 77 Huntington Turnpike, Bridgeport, CT, seeking reapproval to host Downtown Thursdays at McLevy Green with the revised dates of July 25, 2024 through August 15, 2024 and adding Seaside Park Band Shell for the final event on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Both events start at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a set-up time of 3:00 p.m. and clean-up time beginning at 8:00 p.m. Food trucks and vendors for approximately 100 people. (Note: Previous request to host Downtown Thursdays at McLevy Green from 6/6/24 to 8/22/24 was unanimously approved on the 9/19/2023 Parks Board meeting.)

Mr. Brown said that the event had been previously approved, but the Police had some concerns about coverage so, they reduce the number of dates and moved the last event to Seaside Park as requested.

Commissioner Hosier asked Ms. Urena to confirm that the bandshell was available on that date. Ms. Urena said that the bandshell was available.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 1. ERNEST BROWN, TEAM FOCUS ENTERPRISE ENTERTAINMENT, 77 HUNTINGTON TURNPIKE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, SEEKING REAPPROVAL TO HOST DOWNTOWN THURSDAYS AT MCLEVY GREEN WITH THE REVISED DATES OF JULY 25, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2024 AND ADDING SEASIDE PARK BAND SHELL FOR THE FINAL EVENT ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024. BOTH EVENTS START AT 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M., WITH A SET-UP TIME OF 3:00 P.M. AND CLEAN-UP TIME BEGINNING AT 8:00 P.M. FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Marcus Brown, Bridgeport Pride Center, 166 Elm Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the annual 2024 Greater Bridgeport Pride Festival on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Wheeler Park from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a set-up at noon and clean-up at 7:30 p.m. Food Trucks, vendors, art demonstrations and DJ for approximately 200 people.

Mr. Brown greeted the Commissioners and said that the Bridgeport Pride Center was a newly established group and they were looking to host their second annual event at Wheeler Park. Last year, they had a good turn out and everyone had a good time. They were requesting for this event. They are planning to have food trucks that already have their permits and will also have live music.

Commission Hosier thanked Mr. Brown for his outreach to the community. Commissioner Taylor-Moye agreed and thanked him for all that Mr. Brown has done in the past.

Commissioner Wade asked where Wheeler Park was. Commissioner Hosier said that it was located right next to 45 Lyon Terrace and often referred to as City Hall Park.

Mr. Brown said that they would also be asking for an alcohol permit with an appropriate vendor. There will be barricades to limit the area and all the alcohol must be purchased on site.

Commissioner Wade asked how they would verify the participants' ages. Mr. Brown said they would be working with a restaurant that has the technology to verify the various individual's ages.

Commissioner Hosier asked for confirmation that the group would be getting their liquor permit from the State and that the Parks Commission does not have the authority to grant permission for alcohol. Mr. Brown said that he was aware of this and that he just wanted the Commissioners to know that they would be asking for that permit from the State. Mr. Brown said that this was the first time that they would be serving alcohol at Wheeler Park. The event will be held regardless of whether the group is granted permission to have alcohol. Discussion followed.

Mr. Anthony Paoletto said that last year, the Mayor worked with City Lights and a group of volunteers and were pleased to partner with Mr. Brown for this event.

Mr. Jason Coombs from Bridgeport Pride explained that he had helped organize the event last year and they had six extra security guards on site and were planning to do the same this year. They want to have the event to be safe for everyone. Bridgeport Pride has been around for a number of years and this was their second major event.

Commissioner Hosier said that as long as the organization can obtain a State permit, they can serve alcohol.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 2. MARCUS BROWN, BRIDGEPORT PRIDE CENTER, 166 ELM STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL 2024 GREATER BRIDGEPORT PRIDE FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024 AT WHEELER PARK FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT NOON AND CLEAN-UP AT 7:30 P.M. FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS, ART DEMONSTRATIONS AND DJ FOR APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Aida Rivera, LoveLink Inc. 664 Bishop Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Latin Unity Community Outreach event on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Washington Park from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a set-up time at 9:00 a.m. and clean-up time at 4:00 p.m. for approximately 500 people.

Ms. Rivera greeted the Commissioners and said that this would be their second year. She said that she was trying to start her own non-profit. Mr. Burgos said that last year was their first time and they did a great job. It is important to go through the permit process so the staff will have all

the logistics. Mr. Caulfield asked Ms. Rivera to contact him via phone to review the details in order to have a seamless event. Ms. Rivera said that she would.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 3. AIDA RIVERA, LOVELINK INC. 664 BISHOP AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A LATIN UNITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024 AT WASHINGTON PARK FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP TIME AT 9:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP TIME AT 4:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE PENDING MS. RIVERA SECURING ALL THE NECESSARY APPROVALS FROM THE OTHER AGENCIES.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Tawanna Newton-Barnhill, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, 725 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Back-to-School Backpack Distribution Community Outreach event on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Went Field Park Playground section from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a Food Truck and DJ for approximately 500 people.

Ms. Newton-Barnhill greeted the Commissioners and said this was their third year holding this event and they set up tents. All the services are free. There are licensed food trucks and last year they were able to give the City of Bridgeport 500 pairs of new sneakers including Pumas along with backpacks, school uniforms and school supplies, all at no charge. The event last as long as all the supplies last.

Commissioner Hosier asked for clarification about the playground section. Ms. Newton-Barnhill said that they don't interfere with the softball side. They use the basketball side and they have a bounce house with other entertainment. The Police and Fire Departments are there, along with City officials.

Mr. Caulfield said that he was there last year and that the event was a very positive thing for everyone. The event did not interfere with the ball games. Mr. Nastu said that the event was located in the top portion of the park and the ball games continue without interference.

Commissioner Hosier thanked Ms. Newton-Barnhill for all that she was doing for Bridgeport kids.

**** COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 4. TAWANNA NEWTON-BARNHILL, BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION, 725 PARK AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 AT WENT FIELD PARK PLAYGROUND SECTION FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. WITH A FOOD TRUCK AND DJ FOR APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#5 – Matt McGee, East End NRZ Market & Café, 1851 Stratford Avenue, requesting to host a Community Outreach event on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Newfield Park from noon to 8:00 p.m. with a set-up time at 9:00 a.m. and clean-up at 8:00 p.m. with Food Trucks, vendors, and DJ for approximately 200 people.

Ms. Sims that she was present to represent the group and this would be their 7th year celebrating the East End. Bridgeport Hospital along with other health care providers will be there. There have never been any problems in the past.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM #5 – MATT MCGEE, EAST END NRZ MARKET & CAFÉ, 1851 STRATFORD AVENUE, REQUESTING TO HOST A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 AT NEWFIELD PARK FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP TIME AT 9:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 8:00 P.M. WITH FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS, AND DJ FOR APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#6 – Shereen Dixon, 427 Charles Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Beach Party & BBQ (with alcohol) on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Seaside Park West Beach (Far Back area) from noon to 8:00 p.m. with set-up time at 8:00 a.m. and clean-up time at 7:00 p.m. DJ and tickets will be purchased online for approximately 200-250 people.

Ms. Shereen Dixon said that she was in transit and apologized if she loses the connection. She said that this was the first time that they were requesting the permit. Previously, they have held this event indoors but now want to hold it outdoors. They are asking for the permit for the 29th of June. They are also asking for a liquor license and have held events with liquor. There will be a fence around the perimeter and the participants will need to have tickets to enter. There will be a stage with a DJ. There will be barbeque. They are requesting the event to be held at the furthest end of the beach.

Commissioner Hosier asked where they had held this previously at the bandshell and they had a few backpack drives and had some Father/Sons hikes. This is the first time they are doing a social event at Seaside. Commissioner Hosier said that he had concerns about the alcohol.

Commissioner Wade asked if they had a state permit. Ms. Dixon said that they did and it was an adults only event. She said that they used private security in the past and would be partnering with the Bridgeport Police Department. She said that she knew that people would bring their own liquor and this would help control the issue. She said she believed that they had a plan and was open to the Commission's suggesting. The first time they used the bandshell, they had fenced in the entire area.

Commissioner Hosier said that they need exactly where they want to do this and how they want to do it. He suggested that they table the issue at this time and next month, Ms. Wade could present all the details. Mr. Caulfield said that he was willing to meet with her to review the plans.

Commissioner Grisby asked about the liquor license and said that it has to be addressed according to the logistics of the event.

Commissioner Hosier said that he hoped that the liquor license before they submit the updated details.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye asked if they could do it without liquor. Ms. Dixon said that they had held it for many years with liquor, but if they were not offering liquor, she knew that people would bring their own liquor. When they did the event at the band shell, they did not allow liquor inside the fencing and many attendees stayed outside the fenced area because they couldn't bring it inside the fenced area. Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that she was concerned about people drinking and drowning or drinking and driving.

Commissioner Cotto said that he had been a police officer and that having an event at the park with liquor would be very, very difficult to control.

Commissioner Grisby said that it would muddy the water for the Commission because if something happens, the Commission would be responsible. Without the liquor, the responsible would move to the individual. Commissioner Wade agreed. Discussion followed.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM #6 – SHEREEN DIXON, 427 CHARLES STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A BEACH PARTY & BBQ (WITH ALCOHOL) ON SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK WEST BEACH (FAR BACK AREA) FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M. WITH SET-UP TIME AT 8:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP TIME AT 7:00 P.M. DJ AND TICKETS WILL BE PURCHASED ONLINE FOR APPROXIMATELY 200-250 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

Mr. Burgos said that he had some concerns about the event due to the location. Having the event on the back of Seaside Park during the peak period on a Saturday may not be the best location. He would prefer it be held at the bandshell. They need to determine the logistics. The liquor permit is something separate.

Commissioner Cotto said that he had never seen an event at that side of the beach.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Rick Landau, Ash Creek Conservation Association, Bridgeport, CT, requests a discussion of damage to mudflats and vegetation at St. Mary's by the Sea barrier spit.

Mr. Landau greeted the Commissioners and then shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Commissioners. He said that he had three different requests to present to Commission for their consideration. Mr. Landau said that he had worked with Mr. Caulfield on these items.

The first request was to extend the split rail fence because there are people digging in the mud flats right at the bend to St. Mary's by the Sea. This destroys the sea grass and causes erosion in the impacted tidal wetlands. CT DEEP sent a letter in June of 2023 about this.

Mr. Landau said that he had met with Commissioner Labrador and the Bridgeport Police about extending the fencing and policing the area. He said that they were asking to have the split rail fence to the end of the impacted area. Most of the people are digging for sand worms and mussels for bait. There are some people who dig for shellfish, which are not allowed by aquaculture. He indicated on a map where DEEP wanted to have the fencing located and suggested they extend it beyond the area where the Blue Star Garden is located.

Mr. Landau said that DEEP was requiring the City to protect this area. Commissioner Hosier asked if they had received a letter from DEEP. Mr. Landau said that the letter had been sent to Mr. Caulfield.

Mr. Caulfield said that the holes in the mud flats allows more erosion. The area must have signage and some fencing. However, they are being required to protect and restore the area. Mr. Caulfield said that the fence would not stop the trespassers, but the signage will allow the police to deal with the trespassers.

Introducing the fence all along Gilman could be problematic and he suggested that they do this in phases.

Commissioner Grisby asked how many signs would be needed and how far apart they have to be spaced. Mr. Caulfield said that he would be checking with Zoning about that but added that he did not want have a ton of signage. By working with the police department, people will begin to understand that they can't do this. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Hosier asked if Mr. Landau had checked with Mr. Burns and the NRZ. Mr. Landau said he had not met with the NRZ but had spoken with Council Member Burns.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 7. RICK LANDAU, ASH CREEK CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTS A DISCUSSION OF DAMAGE TO MUDFLATS AND VEGETATION AT ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA BARRIER SPIT.**

Mr. Caulfield said that they would be posting more signage and that the police have a tide chart and will be monitoring the area during low tide. He said that Fairfield actually owns part of the St. Mary's spit and they are working with Fa

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY MOVED TO ADD MORE SIGNAGE ON ASH CREEK.
** COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Landau said that DEEP had informed them that the City should plant 7500 ft saltwater cordgrass to protect the eroding terrestrial zone. Planning needs to be done in May. He displayed a photo where there was a deep drop off of 3 feet.

Ms. Urena said that this item was not included on the agenda.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM REGARDING
PLANTING SALTWATER CORDGRASS BECAUSE IT WAS NOT INCLUDED ON
THE AGENDA.
** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Beth Santa, Seaside Gateway Trail, Bridgeport, CT, requests discussion and approval of the Seaside Gateway Trail Irrigation System at Seaside Park.

Ms. Santa greeted the Commissioners and said that Aspetuck Land Trust was willing to donate two perennial beds. She said that there was one bed by the concession stand and another one that would be located near the Waldemere entrance. She said that by the Waldemere entrance, they want to put in two trees and they will required irrigation. She said that the previous system had been designed for expansion.

Mr. Caulfield said that he was pleased with the Gateway Trail. His biggest concern was what would happen in the later years. Mr. Caulfield asked if it would be a drip line. Ms. Santa said that it was. Mr. Caulfield said that this would increase the City's water bill.

Ms. Santa said that it was only one line for two trees. She said that after three years, she did not think they would be turning the water on. Beyond that, the trees should be established.

Mr. Caulfield asked about the perennial beds. Ms. Santa said that they hadn't finished designing the beds. They are looking for more seaside plants that are low maintenance. Aspetuck Land Trust has agreed to maintain the beds. There are people who are willing to assist with maintenance the beds. Discussion followed.

Mr. Caulfield said that it would be good to also have final approval of the final plant selection and the size of the gardens. He asked if they could get

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 8 BETH SANTA,
SEASIDE GATEWAY TRAIL, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTS DISCUSSION AND**

APPROVAL OF THE SEASIDE GATEWAY TRAIL IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT SEASIDE PARK.

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED ADD AGENDA ITEM OB 1 LATOYA JOHNSON, LEFT HEARTS, INC., 3 EDWIN STREET 2ND FLOOR, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL REST IN PEACE GAMES ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 AT NEWFIELD PARK FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 7:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE BACK ON TO THE AGENDA.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Ms. Johnson said that this would be her fourth year doing this at the Newfield Park. They use blue tooth for music. She said that they will be out of park by dusk.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM OB-1. LATOYA JOHNSON, LEFT HEARTS, INC., 3 EDWIN STREET 2ND FLOOR, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL REST IN PEACE GAMES ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 AT NEWFIELD PARK FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 7:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REPORTS

Mr. Burgos said that he wanted to thank them for their support of the Parks Department and he started as the Director of Public Facilities. The Commissioners congratulated him on his new appointment.

1. Commissioner's Report

There was no report at this time.

2. Director's Report – Luis Burgos, Director of Public Facilities

Mr. Caulfield said that they all owned a debt of gratitude to Mr. Burgos. He congratulated Mr. Burgos.

Mr. Caulfield said that the weather had impeded the progress for many projects. Seaside and Seaside West is up and ready.

He then gave an overview of the park project report which were included in the information packet.

Ms. Conine congratulated Mr. Burgos on his new position. She said that she had been out to the park after the recent storm and the Parks Department staff was out there early repairing storm damage.

Ms. Conine said that they were recruiting for life guards. She noted that some guards were leaving for college.

Ms. Conine said that Mr. Nastu had held the basketball season through March 25th with the championship at Central High School. The Girls Championship went to Black Rock and the Boys Championship went to Winthrop School.

Mr. Nastu said that Night Recreation Program would be concluding later in the evening.

Registration has started for Summer Camp.

Mr. Sam Kadi, Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course, reported that the bids for the sand bunkers had concluded two weeks ago. The UI project has been concluded and they have the site walk through on Thursday. Eversource has the quotes for the golf course restoration.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services