

Present: Commissioners Fre Atlast, Kristina Carr, Dave Hattenbrun, Frank Klepeis, Kieran Liggan-Casey, Reta Sorge; Recreation Clerk Dorene Whitaker; Town Board Liason Ernest Klepeis; Rosendale Pool Manager Ashley Kraus.

Absent: Commissioner Lisa Jerkowski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.Approval of Old Meeting Minutes:** R. Sorge moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 17, 2021. Seconded by F. Klepeis All in favor.

**2.Proposal for improved Broadband at Rec Center:** K. Carr reported that preliminary application has been made by the Rosendale Library's E-rate consultant, and RFPs have been made. Preliminary information received late today indicate that monthly recurring rate would be around \$50 with improved service, and that additional improved wi-fi construction would cost around \$4000, 80% which would be paid by e-rate. However, the new American Recovery Act includes lots of additional funding for E-rate to improve broadband, and it will take around 2 months to sort this out. The Commission is pleased with this news, and looks forward to more specifics from the Library.

**3.Pool House Generator:** D. Whitaker reports that we are still awaiting construction start date from the contractor, after the winter weather delay.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.Municipal Center Playground:** K. Liggan-Casey questions why much of the playground equipment at the RMC has been removed. E. Klepeis reports that older equipment was removed to make room for new pickleball courts.

**2. Rec Center Playground:** D. Whitaker reports that our playground is showing its age. Some equipment has rust spots and grit tapping on a bridge is nearing the end of its life. The Ulster County Health Department inspects annually to ensure safety. However, it is time to start thinking about renovation. Possible funding sources were discussed, including fund drive, grant application to New York State, or possible Pandemic relief funding. We will tour the playground at next month's meeting.

**3.Request for Pavilion Tai Chi classes:** D. Whitaker requests consideration of a request from the Ulster County Council on the Aging to hold Tai Chi classes for seniors in the Pavilion. This would be an 8-week series of 2 one-hour classes weekly, at 1:00 pm, beginning in April. These classes were held pre-pandemic indoors and went well. K. Carr moved that this program be allowed, with the requirement of compliance with all New York State Covid Protocols at the time of the event. Seconded by R. Sorge, all in favor. D. Whitaker will be present to ensure compliance. At least 2 picnic tables are to remain in place to allow access from other members of the public. Fees are waived as the program benefits seniors, at no charge, and is sponsored by a not-for profit group.

**4. Request for Pavilion Discussion Group:** K. Carr presented a proposal from the Rosendale Library to utilize the Pavilion for a Reading and Discussion group on "American Politics and Community Today". This is supported by a grant from the Council on Humanities, will be led by

Jeff Miller, Rosendale resident and SUNY professor, and will involve 6 sessions over 5 weeks. K. Carr moved to allow the program, with the requirement of compliance with all NYS Covid Protocols at the time of the event. Seconded by F. Atlas, all in favor. K. Carr volunteered to be present at the events to ensure compliance. Fees are waived as this is a no-fee event, sponsored by a non-profit organization.

**5. Veterans Park clean-up:** K. Carr mentioned that for several years she has cleaned the section of Main Street including the grassy area leading to the Route 32 Bridge, as well as the bridge and its handicapped ramp entrances, sweeping gravel and weeding. Any volunteers to help are appreciated, and can call her anytime. F. Atlas mentioned that the Rosendale Street Festival Committee has adopted this section of road and may help as well.

**6. Pool Summer 2021:** D. Whitaker and Ashley Kraus spoke on the work they have been doing to plan for opening the pool this summer. They believe it can be done, but due to Health Department regulations there will be many restrictions. They are still working on the issues, which include time limitations on patrons, increased responsibilities but reduced availability of lifeguards, management of required cleaning of the facility, and how to allow access to groups such as the Swim team and Brookside School. They will report back to us next month. The commission decided to keep admission rates unchanged from last season.

There being no further business to discuss, F. Atlas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Seconded by D. Hattenbrun, all in favor.  
The next meeting will be April 21 at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Carr, Chair