

Town of Woodbury Parks & Recreation Committee
Annual Report January 2021
Pursuant to Chapter 54-6 of the Town Code

Officers:

Chairperson: Susan Lynch

Secretary: Willa Freiband

Executive Members: Mary Porcu, Martha Nask, Rey Hernandez, Philip Sabatelli, Mike Mazzuca

Past Member: Denice daCunha (term ended 12/2020),

Meetings: Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month in the Community Center at Earl Reservoir. Due to the pandemic meetings have shifted to virtual with public access. Meetings are open to the public and are posted on the Town's public access channel and municipal website.

Areas of Concentration:

Earl Reservoir, Highland Mills

Community Center @ Earl Reservoir

John P. Burke Memorial Pool, Central Valley

Brickley Field Playground

Dunderberg Field

Objectives:

Pursuant to Chapter 54-3 of the Town Code

The Park and Recreation Committee shall:

Advise the Town Board on the Town's parkland and recreational needs

Advise the Town's Parks and Recreation Director as to the need for park building maintenance, repairs and/or construction, and the need to create new recreational facilities and equipment

Advise and/or make recommendations to the Town Board and the Parks and Recreation Director regarding capital budgets;

Prepare and submit to the Town Board and the Parks and Recreation Director, proposed amendments to adopted park rules and regulations.

Activities 2019/2020:

The past 12 months have been full of change and challenge.

- December 2019 the Parks Commission was dissolved, and Committee formed.
- John P. Burke Memorial Pool project continued. Committee was involved in reading results of residents' survey. Committee recommended pool choice to town board in June. Committee attended work sessions with pool engineer.
- The usual summer season activities cancelled due to COVID-19 and lockdown
- Supported Parks Director in implementing protocols in response to DOH guidelines
- Coordinated with WPD for ice cream event in August
- Support Parks Director to hold Community Event for Halloween
- Advised and supported Parks Director on physical property issues
 - Shower platform repair
 - Bridge railing
 - Debris removal by causeway wetlands
 - Invasive water chestnut removal at Earl Reservoir, ongoing; monitoring and mapping of hotspots
 - Bench repair

Attendance & Usage Data attached, provided by Parks & Recreation Department

Goals for 2021:

Develop long term plan for park properties

Meet with Village Trustees to discuss future usage of parkland fees

Explore available grants and programs to supplement Parks budget

Explore ways to provide new recreation opportunities in compliance with current Covid restrictions, and into the future

Attempt to hold all the usual events parks has hosted in the past, within the limitations of current restrictions as they exist. ie.

Winter Holiday events, Easter Egg Hunt, Kids Day, Pool Blast, Welcome Back Party, Field Day, Dog Swim

Coordinate with Beautification Committee and Library board for Winter Wonderland 2021

Coordinate with Beautification Committee to build Sensory Garden

Improve access to basketball courts (discussed, pending)

Implement recycling program

Review and update parks and recreation rules

WOODBURY PARKS & RECREATION PARKS ATTENDANCE

Prepared January 7, 2021

Park Attendance – Earl Reservoir Earl Reservoir – May 25-September 2

<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Attendance – 6,727	Attendance 14,625	Attendance – 14,633
Guests – None Allowed in 2020	Guests – 2,429	Guests – 2,425

Camp Attendance No Camp in 2020

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Session 1 – 85	Session 1 – 108	Session 1 – 122
Session 2 – 81	Session 2 – 90	Session 2 - 91

Swim Lessons No Swim Lessons in 2020

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
July – 60	July – 88	July – 107
August – 73	August – 82	August 96

Parks Employees

In 2020, the Parks Department employed 49 seasonal employees (Lifeguards, Gatekeeper, Security). Of these 30 were Woodbury residents)

In 2019, the Parks Department employed 104 seasonal employees (Lifeguards, Gatekeepers, Security, Camp Staff). Of these, 69 were Woodbury residents.

In 2018, the Parks Department employed 109 seasonal employees (Lifeguards, Gatekeepers, Security, Camp Staff). Of these, 74 were Woodbury residents.