

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
June 1, 2020

PRESENT: Justin Garzia, Carol Kinzler, Joy Kubit, Janet Kidder and Director Scott Blewitt

Scott gave an update on the beaches since reopening on Saturday. The staff had had training the day before. Scott noted it was a great team effort on the part of the Town Administrator, the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. The bathrooms were cleaned both days of the weekend. There were small numbers of beach goers on both days.

Swim lines will be added for boundaries to ensure safety for the swimmers. The docks are off-site and no paddle boards or boats will be available. There are rules for individuals bringing their own paddle boards and kayaks.

There are six picnic tables at each beach, and, if Scott feels it is safe to add more, he will.

All people wanting to use the beaches, will be asked if they are a town resident. On June 13th, lifeguards will be on duty seven days/week.

Once Scott has determined 6-7 different locations for campers, he will announce that day camp will take place (he hopes to make the announcement this week). There will be eight campers and two staff members for each group. They will be dropped off and picked up at their designated location. They will have to answer health-related questions each day and have their temperature checked. All camps are full and there are waiting lists. The children are all local.

Scott does not feel additional equipment will be needed to be purchased. The biggest challenge will be in putting campers into groups. If one family has two children of different ages, will they be separated (usually children are grouped by age) and have two locations for drop-off? That could present problems.

There will be bathrooms at each location and sanitizer. Guide lines will be developed for the campers, their parents and the staff. The guidelines will be reviewed by the department heads.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 11:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder