

RESOLUTION REDEFINING MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



JUNE 7, 2022



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Similar to other Town board and commissions, the Parks and Recreation Commission was historically composed of seven appointed members. In 2005, the commission's membership changed to incorporate a Teen Advisory Group representative, who would also be appointed by Town Council.

The Teen Advisory Group role was incorporated into the membership to further engage youth participation and fill an existing vacancy. While youth participation is essential in creating an engaged and active community, filling this role on the Parks and Recreation commission, especially with volunteers who demonstrate consistent attendance, has proven to be challenging (the position has remained vacant since 2016).

TAG volunteers will continue their efforts within the Department and would like to continue to update the Commission on their work without filling the vacancy.

Furthermore, there is significant community interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission. In 2022, staff turned down eight interested applicants who participated in the annual board and commission recruitment and interview process.

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Due to the timing of updating commission bylaws and Section 2.14 of the Municipal Code defining Town boards and commissions and community interest in public service, staff now recommend removing the Teen Advisory Group member from its bylaws and redefining and reverting the organization of the Parks and Recreation Commission to consist of seven regular members.

In May 2022, the Parks and Recreation Commission expressed support in changing its organizational structure to remove the Teen Advisory Group position and to update its composition to include an additional and interested community member to be appointed by Town Council. Pending the approval of this resolution, the Commission will vote to approve new bylaws to reflect its organizational changes in June 2022.

PROPOSED MOTION

““I move to approve the Resolution as introduced by title.”

ALTERNATE MOTIONS

“I move to approve the Resolution as introduced by title, with the following conditions: (list conditions).”

“I move to continue this item to the Town Council meeting on (date) to allow additional time to (list information needed).”



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QUESTIONS?