Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of the Meeting June 13th, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Al Larson, Toby Lewis, Ritu Goel. Katie Graham, Bill Nowak, Jeff T **Also in Attendance:** Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, and Matt Riley

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the May minutes. Passed unanimously.

Public Input: Shawn Jacobaccio handed out some information to members about the SW Linear Park on the Connecticut River. He would like to see this park improved and improvements into the Master Plan.

Special Reports: 4th **R Program**. The rest of the meeting was dedicated to listening to and commenting on public input surrounding the 4th R Before & After School Program which is at enrollment capacity with a lengthy unaccommodated wait list. There were many different areas covered with comments from PARC members and Ray Favreau and Matt Riley. There was good dialogue with the public who want and expect the Town to provide child care whether that be expanding the 4th R, creating alternative program(s), or re-instituting cross-district busing. The issue about forming an exploratory committee will be brought up at the June 18th Town Council meeting. Members of the public attending for this discussion: Anthony Leone, Karen Lydecker, Joseph Santoro, Michael Ranger, Diva Subramanian, Sowparnika Sabarathinam, Corie Tracey, with late arrival Councilor Hockenberry.

Report of Council Liaison: None due to time constraints

Report of the B of E Liaison: None due to time constraints

OSTF: None due to time constraints

Report of Parks and Rec. Dir.: Written document distributed, but ran out of time to discuss.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm Next Meeting: 7:30pm July 11th, 2018 Respectfully Submitted George S. Caye