

## Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

### Special Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2020

AT 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020, Chairperson, Patricia Fairchild called to order a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at Carl Bozenski Christmas Village. In attendance were commissioners Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, Superintendent Brett Simmons, Mayor Elinor Carbone, Public Works Foreman Glenn Carbone, Public Works Director Ray Drew, Superintendent of Public Works, Bill Mayers and village volunteer Patti Triggs.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the operation of Christmas Village as it pertains to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Decisions made included:

- Cancelling in-person Toy Shower but continuing the radio pledge-a-thon by WZBG.
- Cancelling VIP Night.
- Cancelling the annual parade to Christmas Village on Opening Day.
- Changing the opening of Christmas Village to December 13.
- No opening day ceremonies.
- Limiting the amount of time with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Elves.
- Limiting the size of family groups to 6, possible 8 members.
- Restricting the flow of visitors into the complex by limiting entrance to the front only and using the back gate near the hot chocolate booth as an exit only.
- Not putting out the sleigh.
- Working on a plan to ensure there are no more than 150 people in the front of Christmas Village at one time per Stage 3 guidelines.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted to adjourn at 2:49 p.m.