

Hi! I am Karin Ernst, a candidate for re-election. I would appreciate your vote for Rec & Parks Commission on June 10th.

I have been fortunate enough to be on the Recreation & Parks Commission for the last four years. Our job is to set policy and do our best to listen, understand and balance the needs of the individual and the needs of the Town. Since Shelly and Rossana most recently joined the Commission, we are more focused on data as opposed to only historical knowledge, to create policies.



Here are some highlights on the work being done by your Commission in the past year:

Raquet Sports

Pickleball courts are in high demand given the popularity of the sport. We continue to address all the various factors involved. We invited anyone interested in Raquet sports to go over past years' policy and address any changes needed while still focusing on compromise. We hope to do this each year. Most recently, we added open play options at Seaside and Veterans, while considering the neighboring homes and player's needs for reservations.

Beach and Permit Fees

After implementing fees for outside guests and moving to credit card option, the focus this year will be to increase Credit Card transactions and decrease cash transactions. We will also need to look at implementing a resident-only Beach sticker. The transfer station will be eliminating the Facility sticker which incorporated the beach. Now we need to look at how we will handle our portion.

Stramski House

The Commission reviewed and determined a small directional change to help us get this project completed. We met with the building inspector and fire inspector who helped us navigate to a completion date which we hope will be FY26.

The Larz Anderson Trust

Shelly and Matt are worked to update the project estimates. The Recreation and Parks Commission, along with the Select Board, will decide the direction best suited for the community. We have fresh eyes on this project which will offer a fresh perspective.

Superintendent Retirement

The Commission was informed this year that longtime Superintendent Peter James will be retiring. The need to elevate the Recreation Director job to a Superintendent grade which is important for this transition. We will be taking a fresh look at the departments with both department heads.

Department and Commission Policy Manual

The Department heads and Rossana are gathering information to propose for deliberation, a Department and Commission Manual. This manual is important for both the Department and will certainly help when new Commissioners are in place. It will set the tone for the roles and responsibilities of both Commissioners and the Departments and set the stage for Standard of Operating Procedures. It will encompass objectives, focus areas, organizational communication, and a decision-making matrix.



This is an exciting time, and I am so happy to be able to support Jaime Bloch, Peter James, their departments and together we support the Marblehead community. I would like to ask you to vote for me, **Karin Ernst, Recreation & Parks Commission**. Please and thank you very much.