

MEMO

TO: Town Manager- Bill Manzi

DATE: May 27, 2020

FROM: Katie Duffey

RE: Summer Camp 2020

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I recommend we do not hold Summer Camp 2020. Like every year the health and safety of the campers and our staff is the top priority. The potential danger we face during this time is much greater than a typical year. Generally we require our staff to take on a huge amount of responsibility caring for people's children. This year the amount of responsibility we will put on them is overwhelming and extremely difficult. The amount of responsibility we will require our campers to have will also be overwhelming and difficult. Summer Camp is 'sports and activities' and at this time they are not allowed.

Under the guidelines we must hold Summer Camp outside as much as possible and only go inside if there is inclement weather. The number one medical issue at Summer Camp are heat related such as dehydration, heat stroke and heat exhaustion and if serious enough does require hospitalization. This is a major concern of mine along with many others. In a previous memo I outlined the challenges, changes and dangers if in fact we do hold Summer Camp.

We do have an alternative. We have been working for weeks developing a virtual Summer Camp experience. The virtual Summer Camp experience is a new endeavor, however other Towns and Cities have resorted to this option.