

**(21-21) RESOLUTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN TO CONSIDER AN APPROPRIATION IN THE
AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00)
TO REPLENISH AN EXPENSE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Primary – Finance & Budget
Secondary – Parks & Recreation**

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has established new programming accounts in its operating budget; and

WHEREAS, said Commission has had to project programming revenues and expenses for the current year; and

WHEREAS, program registrations have increased approximately 215% compared to the spring of 2019; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in additional revenue but has resulted in additional expenses which have depleted the expense account; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation has been approved by both the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby approves a special appropriation in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars to replenish the expense account for the Parks and Recreation Commission to accommodate the upcoming spring and summer programs through June 30, 2021.

Executive Summary

Date: June 8, 2021
To: Seth Morton, RTM Moderator
From: Pamela Gery, Parks & Recreation Director
RE: Items for RTM action

The Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance have approved an item that will require RTM action.

At its regular meeting of 5/17/2021 and 5/18/2021, the BOS and BOF unanimously approved the special appropriation of \$250,000 to replenish our account to accommodate our spring and summer programs through June 30, 2021.

Last year, we dissolved our stand-alone Contra account for our programming revenues and expenses and established new programming accounts in our operating budget. To do this, we had to project, based on previous years, how much program revenue and expenses we would have in this current budget. Our programs have hit an all-time high this year, and currently, program registrations have increased 215% compared to the spring of 2019, bringing in approximately \$550,000 more in revenue. However, this means we also have more expenses, and to date, we have depleted our expense account. Therefore needing a special appropriation to cover our spring and summer programs through June 30th, 2021.