

July 9, 2012

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich, Laura Martin, Tim Cook; Coordinator Lisa Easter and Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Visitors: Joe Mustich, Alvin Hermans, Nick Solley representing the Building & Property Commission.

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. at the Washington Town Beach.

Visitors:

* Joe Mustich re: flagpole at Town Beach:

Joe attended this evening's meeting to further discuss the placement of a flagpole at the Town Beach. The original thought of a 30-foot pole has proved to be too costly. A 20-foot pole may be more affordable. The Commission has approved an expenditure of \$700 for this project. Joe and the Commissioners walked the property discussing possible locations – near the entrance to the beach area-suggested by Dirk Sabin-landscape architect, and at the head of the property facing the 4-corners – both locations, and others require a zoning variance and/or wetlands approval. Joe Mustich offered to continue researching cost and if more funding was necessary to seek donations from other area organizations. The Commissioners thanked Joe and assured him this would be discussed further later in the meeting.

* Alvin Hermans – Lemonade Stand at Town Beach:

Alvin attended this evening's meeting to seek permission to have a lemonade stand at the Town Beach – possibly a table in the parking area, or as was suggested this evening, inside the beach area by the lifeguard table. He is a student at Washington Montessori and lives in Washington. Sheila Anson explained that there already is the hot dog vendor who also sells drinks – she has had permission for several years and has precedence over other vendors. She further explained to Alvin that he may need to apply to the Health Department for a permit and may need a peddler's license should the Commission approve his request. He was asked to find out just what drinks the hot dog vendor sells to determine if he would be competing, and to inquire at the Town Hall as to what permits he may need to apply for. The Commissioners applauded Alvin for his excellent presentation and assured him his request would be discussed later in the meeting and that he would be notified of the Commission's decision.

* Lisa Easter for Tom Osborne – Plaza Tree Project:

On behalf of Tom Osborne, Tree Warden and Chairman of the Plaza Tree Project Committee, Lisa displayed the plans for the project. Tom applied for and received an America the Beautiful grant for the Town for this particular project. He has done, and is continuing to do fundraising. At the present time there is approximately \$5700 still needed to cover the entire cost. Several months ago,

members of the committee approached the Parks and Rec Commission and it was agreed at that time to support the project. Discussion this evening dealt with the amount to be given and questions regarding the maintenance and upkeep once the plantings are completed.

Motion:

To approve a donation of \$1,000 from the Parks and Recreation Commission toward the Plaza Tree Project.

By Sheila Anson, seconded by Tim Cook.

Discussion-should it be necessary, Parks and Rec could be approached again for additional funds however no additional dollar amount was committed at this time nor could be promised. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Beach & Boat Launch:

1)The Commissioners further discussed the placement of the flagpole. As we are well into the beach season, the need to inquire further about land use permits, and costs of various size poles, solar lighting, etc. it was determined that for this season a flagpole will be attached to the lifeguard stand and that the installation of a larger more permanent pole will be researched, and planned for during the fall and winter in time for next year's beach season. Ray Reich will speak with Beach Director Jeff Cox about this.

2) The Commissioners discussed the request of Alvin Hermans for a lemonade stand. It was decided that although they would like to support his efforts and encourage his enthusiastic entrepreneurship, the request would not be approved at this time as it may compete with the hot dog vendor who has been there for several years, has all her permitting, etc., may also set a precedent for other individuals who would wish to sell something at the beach and may be a insurance liability concern. Lisa will let Alvin know of the Commissions decision.

3) Ray also reported that the caretakers have done the new plantings at the Boat Launch. There was discussion about possibly having the grass area soil tested for possible fertilization and weed control and to check with the Tree Warden the trees that have quite a bit of dead wood in them.

* River Walk Park:

A problem with lighting the grill had been reported by two renters of the Pavilion. CJ and Joe checked on this last weekend and were able to fix the problem but it was decided to have it checked further. The repair or replacement of the stove in the Pavilion kitchen was discussed at the last meeting and again this evening.

Motion:

To approve an expenditure of \$3,000 for the purchase of a new stove from Powerhouse, and the installation of stove and service check of gas grill by another vendor (possibly Bantam Fuel) by Tim Cook, seconded by Laura Martin and unanimously approved.

* Commissioners discussed with Nick Solley, Building & Property Commission:

- 1) the need to repair the floor of the Pavilion – cracks needing to be chiseled out and re-concreted;
- 2) the installation of the partition in the men's room and
- 3) staining of the Pavilion. Nick will speak with the other Building & Property Commission members at a meeting tomorrow morning. Regarding the staining of the Pavilion it was agreed that C.J. would get a quote from Anson Painting and the Building & Property Commission will seek

quotes from Ed Ramseur and Wes Gladding.

There was also discussion of trees at River Walk in need of pruning, etc. Joe had spoken to Gary Alex who has agreed to do this.

Motion:

To spend up to \$500 for the pruning of trees at River Walk by Gary Alex.

By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

Joe will also speak with Gary re: the Joe Martin Field – weeds in the infield.

* Fireworks:

All were in agreement the fireworks were great! The spectacular lightning shows and cloud formations added to the evening :)! The band suggested that next year they set up in the patio area where graduation takes place – they would need a tent-like cover. This will be looked into further. There was also discussion about getting extra help for Lisa in the Parks and Rec office to answer phone inquiries re: the fireworks the last week of June and up to July 3. This will be discussed further. Ray gave a preliminary report of income and expenses however all bills and donations have not yet been received. There was discussion of having the police check for passes at the intersection(s) before the school and as to whether or not tickets should be sold at the gate. This discussion will continue. The road race went very well with 181 participants! Thanks to all who helped at both events!

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported the following:

* Camps:

Afternoon Camps:

Art Camp – 13 children signed up.

How Cool is That?! – Science camp 18 signed up with a max. # of 20.

Lego Camp (afternoon) – 19 children signed up.

Multi-Sport Camp (afternoon) – 19 children signed up.

Summer Rec Camp Session I – PreK/K – 10; 1-5th grades – 28; total 38. II – PreK/K – 14; 1-5th grades – 37; total 46.

Tennis Lessons – Session I cancelled – only 4 registered. Session II – 19 participating now and Session III – 12 signed up so far.

Lego Camp (August 6-10) – 6 children signed up.

Multi-Sport Camp (August 13-17) 9a.m.-12:30p.m. – 6 signed up. 1p.m.-4p.m. – 0 signed up.

9a.m.-4p.m. – 2 signed up.

Sport Squirts – 6 signed up.

Softball Camp (June 26-29) – 5 girls signed up. Camp was modified and ran Tuesday-Friday from 4-6p.m.

Jenn Badger would like to run a clinic in the spring and camp next summer again.

* Flex time:

Lisa reported the number of hours spent “not in office” conducting Parks and Recreation for the month of July.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

C.J. Kersten and Sheila Anson reported the following:

* Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Fourth of July race and fireworks so successful.

* Happy Birthday to Joe Fredlund, Tammy Marquis, Tim Cook and Mary Anne Greene.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Next meeting: September 10th.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene