

## Bare Cove Park Committee – Minutes FINAL

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Members attending: Susan Kains, Bob Smaldone, Ted Matthews, Shirley Rydell, Scott MacMillan

Members absent: Dick Callahan, Dewitt Delawter, Rik Johnson

Called to order: 7:04 PM

1. Review and accept minutes from February meeting: APPROVED
2. Permit Applicants: Doug McCaig, HHS Rowing Director spoke, would like to have a rowing race Sunday, May 8, in the Back River, in by 10 AM (set markers earlier in the AM), end by 12:30 PM, out by 2:00 pm. Self-funding by donations, will bring hospitality. (+ Porta-potty?) **APPROVED**  
  
Sunday, April 10 (Martin Richards), May 7 (Autism), May 8 (rowing); June 5 (Rhythm Run), June 18 (Hingham Little League road race) – Chief Olsson requests we notify the Fire Dept. when all these races will be. DONE.
3. Rangers Report: Tree removal, usual trash, estimate for truck removal of decals application of new ones is \$200, lift gate is on order. **APPROVED**
4. Status/Update on dog regulation enforcement and education: Chief Olsson reports that Leslie (dog officer) is putting more info into the computer regarding “incidents”, dog bites people were cited for; officers don’t want to work weekends; Leslie going to training for more police authority; 5 citations were issued.
5. Treasurer’s Report: \$2091.58 on dog waste bags; remains favorable to budget
6. Goals for 2016;
  - 6-1. New format for kiosks: Will have map of park, and information about wildlife as well as safety info.
  - 6.2. Signs for entrances and fragile areas: Work in progress.
  - 6.3. Temporary leashing during nesting in specific areas and proposals: Journal article 4/7/16 asks for public cooperation.
  - 6.4. Mowing plan discussion and proposals: Committee agreed to stop mowing except picnic areas. Scott will trim the Arbor Vitae and clean up the area around the wild life sign (north) and expand, reassess July 31. **APPROVED**
  - 6.5 Five certified vernal pools. Discuss education related. Need to mark the VP’s.
  - 6.6 Dog waste discussion – EPA classification as toxic waste in 1991- educate the public through signage.

6.7 ACEC discussion, herring run starts mid-April (they come up the Back River to the run in Weymouth then on to a pond – included in Journal article)

7. Mention that there are two vacant positions on the BCPC. Need to identify candidates with real estate law background, and/or federal/state/and local environmental law expertise and or biology, ecology, or archeology degrees or skills/experience. Candidates should fill out Talent Bank form. (1 minute)
8. Public discussion for items not on the Agenda.

Addendum: There was also discussion about putting a new gate across the former road into Back River Townhomes where it joins Sheltry Path. Scott said he had some 6” square wood posts that could be used with a fairly heavy chain between them and a sturdy lock, for which there would be 3 keys – one for the BCP chair, one for the Hingham Fire Dept., and one for the Hingham Police Dept. Shirley was asked by Chair Ted M. to be the liaison between the BCP Committee and the Back River townhomes tenants representative, Lissa Tully. Shirley spoke with Lissa and Lissa feels the suggested gate details are acceptable. Not discussed was the exact location for the gate, but Shirley feel that will easily be settled when the gate is ready to go in. Shirley will coordinate with Ted A. after Town Meeting.

ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Rydell, Secretary