

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on May 27, 2016

at the Hingham Department of Public Works

- Trustees Edward Johnson, Alan Perrault and Chris Daly in attendance.
- Roger Fernandes – Town Engineer and Vicki Donlan of the Recreation Commission also in attendance.
- Clark Robinson – recently hired as new Beach Supervisor also in attendance
- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
- Parking lot update
 - A. Perrault and R. Fernandes recently met with the Town Planner on the subject of adding additional parking. The plan to add 40 additional spaces using recycled pavement burrow was discussed. DPW already has this material in stock.
 - Discussed the possible stripping of angled parking spots along the walkway at the beach edge of the parking lot.
 - DPW believes that the best plan for the complete re-stripping and re-paving of the lot would be to do the work in the Spring of 2017, after the snow has melted and we have a better idea on the location of the new bathhouse.
 - Our meeting with the Planning Board will be June 13 or 20.
- Bathhouse project
 - A. Perrault and R. Fernandes held a discussion with Brown & Lundquist on their proposal for architectural services.
 - Site work/engineering proposals were received from CHA, DCI and Beals & Thomas. CHA seems to have the most experience and is the front runner for the contract at this time.
 - There was discussion on the building location options and the issues of distance to connect to utilities and soil stability.
- Vicki Donlan gave an update on the recent meeting with the Planning Board.
 - There was significant discussion of the playground location – on the Grove or on the Selectman's (bandstand) parcel.
 - Police Chief Olsson was in attendance. The Chief had concerns about parking for the playground (users potentially parking in the boat ramp lot, having the playground potentially in the background of photos while on the bandstand (graduation, weddings, etc) and interference with the 4th of July Fireworks.
 - It was recommended that we invite the Board of Selectman to a future meeting of the Bathing Beach Trustees to discuss the subject. Should invite the Police Chief also.
- E. Johnson gave an update on the lifeguards and season opening steps were discussed.
 - E. Johnson and Beach Supervisor, Clark Robinson are meeting on Tuesday of this week at 5 pm at Town Hall to interview potential candidates.
 - 9 applicants in total for lifeguard positions.
 - Discussed signage at the beach. What signs should be posted on the beach at the access paths. Trustees to determine the list at the next meeting.
 - A list of regulations should also be posted in the bathhouse.
 - The ladder on the swim platform is broken. Carpenter, Hall Thomas will repair it.
 - Clark Robinson will order new uniforms and new buoys for the swim lines. Clark and the hired lifeguards will replace the “noodles” on the swim lines. Clark will also investigate the cost of lifeguard chairs for the beach.
 - C. Robinson suggested that lifeguards obtain their waterfront certification as part of their lifeguard training. It will be encouraged for this year. Could make it a requirements in the future.

- It was suggested that we investigate solar trash compactors for the beach.
- The new sand fence will stay at its current height for now. Could be lowered in the future after sea grass is planted and subject to public comment.
- E. Johnson is checking other community service options for painting the interior of the bathhouse.
- A. Perrault is investigating having a food truck at the parking lot on summer weekends. Would need Board of Health approval.
- C. Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.