

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on August 18, 2016

at the Hingham Town Hall

- Trustees Edward Johnson, Alan Perrault and Chris Daly in attendance.
- Also in attendance:
 - Bill Reardon – Harbor Development Committee
 - Ken Corson - Harbormaster
- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- The Trustees reviewed the drafts of the minutes for the meetings of June 6, 2016. E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- The Trustees reviewed the drafts of the minutes for the meetings of June 16, 2016. E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- The Trustees reviewed the drafts of the minutes for the meetings of July 26, 2016. E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- Lifeguard/beach operations update.
 - Issues with the operation of the toilets continue which has led the bathhouse being closed. It still appears that the issues are due to vandalism. E. Johnson to speak to the beach supervisor about having the lifeguards try to monitor better the activity in and out of the bathhouse. Changing the locks on the bathhouse was also discussed. K. Corson advised that adding security cameras to the bathhouse would cost about \$2500.
 - The costs for the repair to the swim float was \$275.
 - C. Daly to draft “thank you” letters to Hal Thomas (ladder repair), the Sheriff’s Department (painting) and the District Court (weeding) for their services provided this season.
- Community Preservation Act application
 - The Trustees discussed the idea to submit a preliminary application, which is due August 19th.
 - A possible application for funds to extend the walkway through the Grove was discussed.
 - A. Perrault advised that estimated costs are \$100,000 to \$125,000 for extending the walkway.
 - It is anticipated that the Harbor Development Committee will be submitting a similar proposal to extend the walkway through the Selectman’s parcel/gazebo-bandstand parcel on the harbor.
 - E. Johnson made a motion that the Trustees file a preliminary application with the CPC for \$100,000 to \$125,000 for the costs associated with extending the walkway through the Grove on the BBT property. C. Daly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and motion was carried, unanimously.
- The meeting was opened for questions from the public.
 - Resident Jim Sharkansky had several questions about the potential walkway through the Grove. Mr. Sharkansky also recommended the destruction and removal of the existing bathhouse when the new facility is built.
 - Resident John Hersey voiced concerns about parking at the Bathing Beach lot during the Hingham Farmer’s Market on Saturdays. He emphasized the point that the first row of parking (closest to the beach) is supposed to be reserved for bathing beach use and there should be a sign stating this. The Trustees stated that signage will be improved next season.
- The Trustees meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm to start a joint Bathing Beach Trustees/Harbor Development Committee meeting to review the initial sketches and proposal by Strekalovsky (Architect) and CHA (Engineers) for the new harbor bathhouse. The joint meeting was filmed by HCAM and the HDC will issue minutes for the joint meeting.