

APPROVED Bare Cove Park Committee Meeting Notes

Date; September 13, 2016

Members attending: Bob Smaldone, Dewitt DeLawter, Ted Matthews, Rik Johnson, Dick Callahan, Tom Kenyon, Scott McMillan

Meeting called to order 7pm.

1. Review and accept minutes from 7/12 meeting. .- July minutes Accepted unanimously. There weren't any notes from Aug. 9th meeting. The activity and venue for our August meeting was; The Committee took a ride through Bare Cove Park in the Rangers Pickup and visited various locations within the park on 8/9/16. No August notes were taken. No votes. No Treasurer or Ranger report. The visit was strictly for viewing the property and buildings.
2. Guest presenter; Ronit Goldstein, Community Relations Manager, Aquarion Water Company discussed the drought and water restrictions. We are in a drought watch. 2nd highest drought level in the state. Residents have been complying with the restrictions. 20% drop in usage over last month. Enforcement has started with worst offenders. Warnings, then potential shut-offs. Drought the worst since 1960's. Question about how developers get permitted for new developments. Aquarion works with the town community development department in these cases.
3. Model Railroad Club discussion about fence improvement. Ron Clough. This was tabled until October Mtg.
4. Jim Watson presentation on bridge over Back River; BCP to Great Esker Bridge Conceptual/Feasibility Study. –Presentation made. Long discussion. Many audience members spoke. Andy Hultin from The Town of Weymouth Rec Dept attended to see what the bridge was all about. Jims plan is to build a bridge from Great Esker Park to Bare Cove Park over the Weymouth Back River. There is a question about whether the bridge would allow for enough clearance for larger boats to get through. Weymouth and Hingham Harbormaster boats need to get in there sometimes. Narrows is the area for migration of the herring. Not much support from The Bare Cove Park Committee. Ron Clough did speak factually and positively about the feasibility. Linda DeAngelo from the Weymouth Back River Watershed expressed her strong opinion against any project in the critical habitat area/ herring and birds. The Committee feels this is not worthy of supporting a feasibility study at this time. Worried about foot traffic in a very undisturbed area of BCP. We'd like to keep it a remote corner of the South end of the park.
5. Rangers Report. Scott was doing quite a bit of mowing this month to catch up since the mower was out of service for most of the summer. Needs two new blades. Vote unanimous to buy new blades. Dog bags needed.
6. Treasurer's Report. – Rik Johnson reported that we are on/under budget. Vote to accept unanimous.

7. Officer Elections for 2016-17. – Ted Matthews will remain Chairman, Vice Chair- Dick Callahan, Treasurer- Rik Johnson, Secretary Bob Smaldone and/or Susan Kains
8. Discussion of 9/15/16 ZBA Meeting Request for Comments - Proposed 40B Development, 230 Beal Street. – much discussion about unknown environmental impact. River and estuary will be affected. Out of scale for the area. Traffic congestion. Analogies to Hastings project next door. Title or Conservation easement on property in front toward the river. Can we get this protected? Is mitigation available from developer? Snow removal should not leave the site. Groundwater must remain balanced.
9. Discussion related to 2 Beal Street, Selectmens Parcel Development.- This has the ACEC in 3+ acres of the 12. Can we protect? Wetlands throughout. Small envelope to build on south end maybe 6 acres?
10. Review mowing plan and observations from August walk through. This was tabled until Oct Mtg.
11. Discuss Key Management Plan for gates and buildings within the park. – Need to establish protocol for keys and entry to the park. Will re-visit at December meeting.
12. Goals for 2016-17;
 - New Signage for entrances and fragile areas. Harbor Sign Co. contacted. Quotes to be presented at Oct. Meeting.
 - CPC funding within the BCP. – Application for initial \$25,000 submitted for fencing. Review in progress.- Under review.
13. Public discussion for items not on the Agenda. – None.

ADJOURNED 9:30pm