

Bare Cove Park Committee – Minutes

Tuesday – 7:00 PM, march , 2017

Members attending: Susan Kains, Ted Matthews, Dewitt DeLawter, Bob Smaldone, Scott McMillan, and Dick Callahan. Rik Johnson participated by phone.

Meeting called to order: 7:06 PM

1. **Warrant Article T Discussion:** Ted read the Article T motion and the possibility for an alternate affirmative motion at Town Meeting. Susan traveled around our area to other parks and doesn't want to compromise. Dick likes the idea of some compromise. Suggested time lines or off leash dogs and thinks early morning might be best time. Also, would like us to consider some time for off leashing later in the day as well. Dewitt want the article to go to Town Meeting. After the discussion it was tabled.
2. **Review response to National Park Service:** Accepted
3. **Cub Scout Pack 27:** The Cub Scouts have built 8 Blue Bird houses and they are gifting them to Bare Cove Park. Susan suggested that they be placed on fence posts in a field that we are converting to meadow. Susan also says that the bird houses need to be cleaned periodically in order to maintain a welcoming environment. The money for fence posts and additional placement costs would come from the Friends account. Accepted.
4. **Doodie Calls:** Ted wants to add additional doggie bag stations in BCP.
5. **Rangers Report:** There have been a significant number of downed trees and branches throughout the park due to a couple of snowstorms. Scott reports that Jeff Handrahan has been in the park to look over our tree situation. The foil is in for our plow and it has been installed. Accepted.
6. **Treasurers Report:** Large pine tree fell on BCP property and 2 Sherman Way. It cost us \$1300 to have it fully taken down and removed. Ted is going to see if he can get the Town to pay rather than have it taken from our budget. Other than this potential unexpected expense we are tracking well. We have \$\$24,000 in the Friends of Bare Cove Park account. Accepted.
7. **Pollinator Management:** Susan informed us that there are hundreds of pollinators, not just bees. Trying to establish a pollinator meadow within the park as an experiment for native species planting. We would most likely pick an old building location and anchor black plastic over the area to kill the existing vegetation and allow the planting of the native species seed. This was tabled and will be discussed again at our April meeting. Susan proposed an educational schedule "Stay After Dark" Accepted.
8. **New Park Boundaries:** The boundaries along Bare Cove Park Dr have been revised by the NPS. We picked up 10 acres in BCP and an abutter picked up 3 acres.
9. **Coyote/Coy Wolf Expert:** We would have a speaker from the Cape speak in the Hingham Town Library's Whitten Room on June 10th. We would pay the \$250 fee. Accepted.
10. **Harbormen Helping Hingham:** High School Day of Service will be held in BCP on 4/13. Need to make up a list of projects.
11. **Approve 2-20-17 Minutes:** Minutes were read and accepted.
12. **Motion to Adjourn:** Accepted.

Next Meeting: 4-11-17

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Smaldone, Secretary

