

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on January 19, 2016

Hingham Town Hall

- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Trustees Edward Johnson and Chris Daly in attendance. Also attending the meeting:
 - Mark Cullings – Hingham Farmers Market
 - Sue Sullivan - Hingham Development & Industrial Commission
- The Trustees discussed the geese management program. The costs for 2015 were reviewed and the discussion shifted to 2016 proposals for geese management. Chairman Perrault is working on getting in touch with the incumbent supplier of the service and will also ask one other supplier to bid. We would like to have the suppliers attend a future meeting to review their service and fees for 2016.
- The Trustees discussed various ideas for additional parking spots to compensate for those loss of spots due to the beach repair /parking lot reconfiguration project. Hingham Farmers Market is concerned about the loss of a number of spots and potential impact on their market.
- A discussion was held on the project to construct a new bath house or alternate building to potentially replace the current structure.
 - The Trustees discussed the current status of the Community Preservation Act application for the project. Chairman Perrault advised that the CPC recently voted 7-2 to support the project and the application. It will now go to the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen for review.
 - Construction most likely would not start until 2017.
 - A DEP Chapter 91 license may be required if the building were to be placed on the bandstand/Selectman's parcel, instead of on the Bathing Beach property.
 - The possibility of placing the new building at the current location of the bandstand/ gazebo would most likely incur some pushback from members of the public and another location should be considered.
 - The current bath house could be kept for storage use and then just improve the exterior. Mark Cullings commented that the HFM has a regular need for storage of some equipment.
 - There is a need to determine the location of the multi-use or "boardwalk" pathway and its connection to and from the potential new building to other harbor locations.
 - The location of the Farmers Market could also be moved within the Bathing Beach property depending on the location of the new building.
 - A final determination of the best location will be identified through the proof of concept phase of the project and through public comment and input.
- Mark Cullings commented that he would like to again address the possibility of adding wine sellers to the permitted vendors at the HFM.
- Chairman Perrault recommended that the next meeting of the Trustees be held with the geese management suppliers, the Town Engineer, DPW representatives and the HFM representative (M. Cullings).
- Chris Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. A vote to adjourn was taken and it was unanimous.