

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on February 12, 2016

Town Engineer's Office – Department of Public Works

- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Trustees Edward Johnson and Chris Daly in attendance. Also attending the meeting:
 - Mark Cullings and Bill Marshall – Hingham Farmers Market
 - Mary Savage-Dunham – Town Planner
 - Ken Corson – Harbormaster
 - Roger Fernandes – Town Engineer
 - Harry Sylvester, Randy Sylvester – DPW
 - Lonnie Fournier – Conservation Commission
 - Deidre Anderson – Harbor Development Committee
 - Chris Murphy – Atlantic Geese Management
- **Parking lot and beach stabilization project**
 - Roger Fernandez provided an update on the options for additional parking spots that may be needed predominately by the Farmers Market. These additional spots only replace the lost surface as the new stripping will yield the same number of parking spots as the lot currently has.
 - Twenty-two extra spots could be installed along the west side of the lot (close to Route 3A and the entrance)
 - Options for the surface include paving, crushed stone or concrete “blocks” that allow the grass to grow through.
 - Conservation Commission and Planning Board approval would be required before proceeding. The existing Con Com NOI could be amended. ***L. Fournier to investigate.***
 - L. Fournier commented that the Conservation Commission would recommend permeable surfaces versus asphalt.
 - M. Cullings commented that the additional parking would most likely be used for vendor parking at the Farmers market.
 - No need for snow plowing on these spots in the winter.
 - The beach and wall work is planned for early Spring 2016. Parking lot repaving is planned for Fall 2016.
 - H. Sylvester commented that all parking lost work must be completed by first week of September.
 - If these additional spots are installed some trees may have to moved. ***R. Sylvester to check if Shade Tree Committee approval is needed.*** Con Com. and Planning Board would also want to be notified of tree impact.
 - A discussion of using small walkways across the swale to the new parking area was held.
 - The Farmers Market starts its season on May 7, 2016. Most of the beach and wall work will be done by May 7th. Options for parking in the summer were discussed.

- ***Next steps – R. Fernandes to formalize the potential plan for the additional parking spots based on today's discussions.***
- **Beach Management**
 - L. Fournier advised that now is the time to order beach grass. She also recommended moving sand from the boat ramp to the beach sooner than later. ***R. Sylvester agreed with this point and will take this as an action item.***
 - ***K. Corson will regularly check the ramp and make the call to the DPW and Con Com when the ramp requires sand removal.***
 - Sand will still be moved while the beach stabilization project is ongoing.
 - K. Corson discussed the importance of the beach management plan in order for the DCR to fund the replacement of the boat ramp. He gave an overview of the potential ramp and float design with location options for the floats.
 - It was also recommended that a ***meeting be held to discuss the boat ramp and the potential floating docks with harbormaster, Bathing Beach trustees, R. Fernandez and the Harbor Development Committee*** (Ed Morris has been named as the HDC rep. on the boat ramp project).
 - ***K. Corson to invite Jack Shepard of the DCR to a future Trustees meeting and arrange a visit to the ramp.***
 - K. Corson recommended beach grass installation on the entire length of the beach for the first few feet of the upland side of the beach.
 - This is not part of the current beach management plan but could be accomplished under a separate initiative.
- **CPC Application**
 - Chairman Perrault advised that R. Fernandez received a call from the Seaport Economic Council that the application for the \$700,000 grant for a maritime center would be approved, subject to the council's vote at a meeting on February 28th. A. Perrault and R. Fernandez will attend the meeting and make a presentation.
 - Assuming Town Meeting approval for the 20% matching contribution for CPA funds, ***R. Fernandez will put together a permitting and construction schedule starting Spring 2017.***
 - A discussion on keeping the current building for storage use, the style and architecture of the new building and location of the new building was held.
 - D. Anderson made a presentation showing maritime/beach buildings constructed by other towns that included the construction costs.
 - A discussion was held on the importance of socializing the plans for the new building. These included public meetings, HCAM coverage, articles in the Hingham Journal, contacting any abutters. The pros and cons of taking these actions before or after Town Meeting were reviewed.
 - The Trustees discussed the pros and cons of indoor and outdoor showers. The consensus is for outdoor showers.
 - Composting toilets were discussed but a sewer connection is still needed in the building if there is a food service operation.
 - Discussed the educational component to be incorporated in the building, as required under the SEC grant. Also discussed having a meeting room in the building.

- **Geese Management**
 - The Trustees felt that the geese management plan worked well in 2015 and for the majority of the season the number of geese on the property were reduced.
 - The new parking lot should also reduce the number of geese as the water will no longer pool and provide a drinking source for the birds.
 - C. Murphy advised that each application last 4-5 weeks but in the Fall leaf coverage affect the performance of their product (Flight Control Plus, which is nontoxic and Con. Com. Approved).
 - DPW had the product applied to the Veterans Park, former Mobil Station property, the Selectman's Parcel (bandstand) and the 3A Rotary. Jeff Hanrahan is the contact at DPW for geese management.
 - ***The Trustees asked C. Murphy to investigate other options and the related costs including the use of dogs and egg addling.***
 - C. Murphy advised that permit application for egg addling had been sent to Con. Com. ***Will resend to L. Fournier.***
 - C. Murphy provided a proposal for service in 2016 on the Bathing Beach property that included 12 applications of Flight Control Plus with an annual cost of \$13,000. ***Trustees to review with DPW.***

- The Trustees reviewed the draft of the minutes for the January 19, 2016 meeting. E. Johnson made a motion to approve, A. Perrault seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved. ***C. Daly to have minutes posted to Town website.***
- Castlebury Fairs & Festivals has submitted an application for an arts and crafts fair for the dates of September 24 & 25, 2016. 75-100 booths/vendors. Castlebury is a for profit business. E. Johnson to check the date of the Hingham Nursery School Touch-A-truck Event and see if there is a conflict. ***The Trustees discussed inviting a representative from Castelbury to a future meeting.***
- ***Budget 2016 – will be discussed at the march meeting***
- Summer staff/lifeguards – two lifeguard applications have come in so far. 5 needed in total plus a manager. ***A. Perrault recommended contact with the Town's HR Director for help/ recommendations on this season's hiring process.***
- A. Perrault will draft the annual report for the Trustees of the Bathing Beach for the Town Report. ***Will circulate to C. Daly and E. Johnson to review.***
- C. Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, E. Johnson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken to adjourn the meeting (12:00 pm).