

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on March 2, 2016 at Hingham Town Hall

- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Trustees Edward Johnson and Chris Daly in attendance.
- E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted for the February 12, 2016 meeting. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.
- **Discussion of the current CPA application and Seaport Advisory Council grant application for a new bathhouse/maritime multi-purpose building.**
 - A. Perrault drafted a press release announcing the award of the Seaport Council grant. ***Will supply to the Hingham Journal.***
 - ***C. Daly to post on the Bathing Beach Trustees' page on the town website and the to-be-created Facebook page.***
 - C. Daly gave an overview of the naming by-law governing the naming of buildings on town property.
 - Discussed the potential locations for the new building – BBT property or Selectman's Parcel/Bandstand parcel. If the build was built on the Selectman's parcel the parking for it would still most likely be the BBT parking lot, especially in the summer when the boat ramp parking lot is primarily dedicated to boaters.
 - We discussed creating a project name sooner than later and ultimately a name for the building itself. It will not be "The Hingham Maritime Center".
- **Parking lot and beach stabilization project discussion.**
 - No update from the Town Engineer on the potential additional parking spots to add. ***A. Perrault to follow up with R. Fernandes.***
 - No resolution on the issue of changing the beach wall blocks as requested by the engineering firm and contractor on the project. ***A. Perrault to investigate.***
- **Geese Management for 2016**
 - We are waiting for proposal from Atlantic Geese Management for egg addling and dog service.
 - New contract with Atlantic would start July 1, 2016.
- **Finances**
 - As of January 2016 there is \$13,000 +/- in the BBT's account.
 - 2016 lifeguard cost are expected to be covered by the next town funding cycle (\$40,000 if approved at Annual Town Meeting in April).
 - Septic system - A. Perrault will check to determine the amount in the septic system account. ***E. Johnson will contact EL Margetts about inspecting and assessing the condition of the system.***
- **Bathing Beach Events**
 - The Trustees reviewed the application by Castlebury Fairs for an arts and crafts fair in September.
 - Castlebury is a for-profit business.
 - The Bathing Beach has not charged a fee in the past for use of the property except in the case of the Hingham Farmers Market. The issue of charging a fee to Castlebury or other similar businesses was discussed.

- The date that Castlebury requested was the same date as the currently scheduled Touch-A-Truck event by Hingham Nursery School.
- E. Johnson made a motion to deny acceptance of the application by Castlebury Fairs to hold an arts and crafts fair in September 2016 due to conflicts with the HNS event and potential construction work on the parking lot. C. Daly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. **A. Perrault will contact Castlebury.**
- The Trustees discussed the request by HFM to allow wine sales at the market. **C. Daly to check town by-laws on the matter of selling alcohol on town property.** The next step if necessary would be to ask the Board of Selectmen for an opinion.
- **Other items discussed:**
 - Painting of the interior of the bathhouse – **E. Johnson will contact the responsible parties to determine if parolee's could be utilized for this type of project before the summer season starts.**
 - Brighter LED light bulbs are needed in the bathhouse this summer.
 - Lifeguards – Jen Manning is again interested in being the life guard supervisor for 2016. She will apply to the Town's HR Director. **A. Perrault will contact the HR Director to determine how to post openings.**
 - Discussed the process of approving invoices for the parking lot/beach stabilization project. Normally the Chair of the BBT would approve the invoices. Is it possible for the Town Engineer to approve the invoices as he is intimately involved with the project? **A. Perrault to discuss with Town Engineer.** Town Engineer also better equipped to track the costs of the project.
 - **At next meeting it is recommended to invite Atlantic Geese Management and the relevant DPW rep. (J. Handrahan). Also invite HR Director. Discuss next steps for the bathhouse/maritime building project and the RFP for architecture and engineering services.**
 - Socialization of the bathhouse/ maritime building project – The consensus of the Trustees is that we should socialize the project more after Town Meeting, if the CPA article is approved and \$150,000 for the project is funded. We will follow traditional methods of socialization (meetings, articles in the press, etc.) and use social media.
 - Application for use of Bathing Beach Facilities by Hingham Nursery School for their Touch-A-Truck event on September 24, 2016. E. Johnson made a motion to approve the application, C. Daly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. **E. Johnson will deliver approved application to the Town Clerk.**
 - Job site sign for the parking lot/beach stabilization project. **The Trustees will work with the Town Engineer's office to design the sign.**
 - C. Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.