

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on March 23, 2016

at the Hingham Town Engineer's office in the DPW Building

- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Trustees Edward Johnson and Chris Daly in attendance.
- Also in attendance:
 - Roger Fernandes – Town Engineer
 - Mark Cahill – Hingham Farmers Market (HFM)
 - Bill Marshall – Hingham Farmers Market (HFM)
- E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting as drafted. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
- Parking lot and beach stabilization project
 - A site visit is scheduled for next Monday as 2:00 pm with the contractors.
 - The project schedule was reviewed with R. Fernandes. It was concluded that there would be limited impact on the HFM's operations.
 - Parking space striping – the possibility of having a few handicapped parking spaces nearer to the HFM location was discussed.
 - Discussion of creating additional parking spots and the potential impact on the trees.
 - R. Fernandes to investigate putting in the blocks for new parking area by the start of the summer season. Will check costs and permitting requirements.
 - HFM would like to park vendor vehicles on the grass (near Route 3A) in good weather but this has not been permitted in the past by the DPW due to possible impact on the trees. M. Cahill asked if it would be possible to park on the spot where the additional parking would be installed, this spring and summer, before the work is started. The Trustees are not opposed to this but HFM must discuss with DPW to get their OK.
 - R. Fernandes raised a question on the width of the boardwalk to be built between the beach and the parking lot. The width could be 8 feet or 10 feet. If we reduce the width to 8 feet we could potentially extend the walkway another 20%, towards The Grove or to the Selectman's Parcel/bandstand parcel and stay within budget on this segment of the project.
 - Another option would be to reduce to 8 feet (which still meets all regulatory requirements) and retained the saved costs and using for parking lot or extending the walkway in the future.
 - It was agreed that this topic would be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting.
 - R. Fernandes also proposed the use of removable walkways for the paths (2) from the parking lot, through the future beach grass to the beach. These walkways could be rolled up and stored in the off season. The cost for the teak models are \$4341.22 for the set of two walkways. Quote provided by the engineering firm on the project, DCI. It was agreed that this item would be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Current bathhouse:
 - Talked about using the old bathhouse as restrooms for the HFM in the future.
 - E. Johnson checked with EL Margetts and they confirmed that the current septic system is in good working order.
 - Painting of the interior of the bathhouse should be completed before start of the summer season. Could have Boys Scouts, Hingham High students looking to complete community service hours or inmates on work release.
- A discussion was held on the location for the bath house/maritime building.

- R. Fernandes to order soil tests to check the various and potential build locations for the new building.
 - Discussed the potential location of the HFM within the Bathing Beach parking lot if/when the new bath house/harbor building is built. HFM reps. advised that they are not opposed to moving within the parking lot.
- Wine sales at the HFM
 - C. Daly provided an update on his discussions with the Assistant Town Administrator and the Police Chief on this topic.
 - It was agreed that the Trustees are not generally opposed to the concept of wine sales at the HFM but ultimate approval must come from the Board of Selectmen.
 - E. Johnson made a motion to allow HFM to seek advisement from the Board of Selectman on HFM's request to sell wine at the Saturday farmers market on Bathing Beach property. C. Daly seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.
 - HFM reps. will now contact the Board to Selectmen to get on their agenda for a future meeting.
- Geese control
 - A firm called "Geese Police" out Waltham has service dogs and can do egg addling. Spraying cost is \$1300 plus \$1000 for egg addling, very similar in cost to Atlantic Geese Management.
- Building name/CPA Article at Town Meeting
 - C. Daly gave an update on the potential changes to the CPA article concerning the new building. CPC and Advisory committee members and the Harbormaster commented that they wanted to keep the word "maritime" in the building description. The Trustees, at the request of Hingham Maritime Center (Formerly, Lincoln Maritime Center) had asked that the words "maritime center" be changed. In the end the article will read with the words, "maritime facility".
 - C. Daly to contact HMC's Executive Director and A. Perrault to contact the HMC Board President and advise them of our efforts and of the final wording.
- Lifeguards
 - E. Johnson has spoken to Deputy Chief Murphy about setting up emergency procedures for the beach.
 - E. Johnson will contact the DCR and obtain a copy of their beach emergency procedures.
 - We may need signs made for the beach that include, "Swim at own risk", "Lifeguards on duty", "In case of emergency...", etc. and a sign listing the lifeguard's hours.
 - The job posting is on the Town website and a few applications have come in.
 - E. Johnson advised that the pay level is \$11.50 per hour while the DCR beaches pay \$13.50 per hour. This may be something we need to address. E. Johnson to investigate with the Town's HR Director.
 - Salaries in 2015 totaled approximately \$14,000
 - C. Daly to contact J. Manning to see if she is interested in returning to work at the beach this summer.
- C. Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, it was unanimous and the motion was carried. Meeting concluded.