

APPROVED Minutes: Bare Cove Park Committee. October 11, 2016. 7 PM

Present: DeWitt, Bob Smaldone, Susan Kains, Ted Matthews, Dick Callahan, Rik Johnson, Tom Kenyon, Ranger Scott McMillan

1. Review and accept minutes from 9/13 meeting. – The 9/13 meeting notes were not yet available. Ted took the notes and had not had a chance to put them together.
2. Guest presenter; Ray Childs for P.E.A.C.E Run April 9, 2017 On Sunday, April 9th, 2017 Ray Childs Martin Richards Foundation proposes a run from the Triangle Garden over toward the Indian Point area; trash barrels, recycling barrels, water needed; volunteers for parking, sweep at the end on bikes to pick up trash; fundraiser for Martin Richards Foundation MR8(lost his life in the Boston Marathon bombing; this usually is the first run in the park APRIL; two years ago they cleared the paths for us when we had the big snow; Susan made the motion, seconded by Ted; unanimous vote. Permit Application given to Ted from Ray Childs; he'll come back again in February.
3. Model Railroad Club discussion about fence improvement. Ron Clough. Model Railroad Club, & Museum Building: Ron Clough spoke on the fence issue; there is a drinking water well near the gate (northwest of gate); RRC members were worried about the well and water quality; it's not a public water supply because the number of people doesn't qualify as public; they wanted to fence it off because they have a propane tank too and two years ago snow was too high to dig it out; they did the water test and water test is fine...if the RR Club posted a sign "Water Supply for RR Club..please do not empty your dog here...". Ongoing discussions with Selectmen...sign is step number 1; gate to get into propane tank is there and the RR Club doesn't have good control of the property at the other end; 585 feet deep well; 30 feet through soil and the rest through bedrock; tested for lead, cadmium, E. Coli, etc. There is no sprinkler system in that bld. Not required but well was required; he'll come back later with signs to show us.
4. Ranger Report: Scott ordered the 3 blades (\$102. for 3 blades), not the actual bill; the 4 new kiosks are in: we need 4 locations for them. CPC will put them in; single 4X4 post, 7 feet post with installed display board; ADA requirement? Mary Savage is who to talk to, Willow tree by Green Dockhouse blown down by microburst earlier in the summer-will be removed by DPW & need to pay for new trees from Friends account & there was a lady who wanted to donate a tree; class of 2018 did a cleanup along the river from Indian Point all the way back for 4 hours; cancelled one day because of the rain so went in on Oct. 2nd; got bottle & cans; 9 schools visited on the 5th Oct. did a run Derby Academy with 9 school buses; their run wasn't very long; then the team from Notre Dame Academy was running against showed up late so they were there an hour later than expected; 25 September museum; 23rd October another museum opening; Trump graffiti on the wall; Scott will cover over with cement colored paint; Susan moved we accept report, Bob seconded it, unanimous acceptance.
5. Treasurer's Report: Rik Johnson; mower repair was unexpected and big; Friends account - an additional amount of \$500. That wasn't in there before, from the race; John Childswill have a report

from the road race next month; he is in Canada right now; work with new race promoter RACE TRACK group next year. Ted will have him come to talk to us...a management company for the end of summer classic or some other theme or name; proposed to accept Dick, Bob seconded, unanimous.

6. Review observations from August walk through. Fall maintenance plan. Mowing in the park: Ted M stated that Ted Alexiades wants an eco-management plan from year to year that people can expect; Scott wants to mow fields so that trees don't come in; Susan reminded committee that we need old field and meadow not just lawn everywhere; colored trees area are on Hingham Mutual's property and not in the ACEC; need a mowing plan that we can do every year; trails plan from GPS maps..the ones inside the loop. See purple lines that are trails we keep open and not the little trails that dogs created; Tom and I will walk the trails and develop a report for the subcommittee on the trails and the mowing; Comments on habitat created by not mowing- Ted likes; Dewitt-we have made great strides on getting more respect for the park and the preservation of habitat; Dick- lack of a workable mower made it look sloppy and then our plan began to look good; mower was broken for greater part of the summer; looks good now Ted and Dick said.

7. Discuss Key Management Plan for gates and buildings within the park. keys: According to Scott; fire & police dept lock, boy scout lock, gate lock at Sheltry path, and main entrance lock; Ted would like to reel in the locks situation; highway dept has a key, Leslie Badger, police & fire have keys; Ted can get ranger magnetic strip for when he needs to take in the Selectmen for fact-finding research in order to avoid problems; Ted says that Brooks Robins asked for plantings around the gate at Back River; boulders or cement blocks; sewer dept and municipal lighting plant are using the (13 & 80) in the park for storage so we can hopefully barter with them to help us bring in some boulders at the gate by Back River condos.

8. New Signage for entrances and fragile areas. Harbor Sign Co. proposal. Kiosks have arrived Signage: see sign illustrations; posts, hardware and shed roof will be with the sign; check town-by-laws (Ted will check with the town administrator); these would delineate property boundary at entrance; other sign about ACEC and behavior expected additional cost for hardware; could be placed at entrance to park. Susan suggested logos instead of verbiage on signs because people won't read so much information - it needs to be in chunks of 20 words or less. Attention given to the newly designed logo for BCP - can be used for selling bumper stickers, patches, etc. Hockley Run: sign telling reason for Hockley Run, importance of it, pictures of a run flowing into a marshland, salt water marsh and what they used to look like and how the culvert was put in; Wemouth (Linda DiAngelo on Weymouth Back River Committee will get back to Ted on this) has a run they've restored; 4 new kiosks to designate fragile area: wetland where dogs go down; Hockley Run; marshland along Indian point; vernal pool; We need to have the locations for the 4 new signs before Dec. 1st and put a stake in the ground where they would go; DPW has a post hole digger & will the signs in and will put them in concrete; at Wompatuck they put out educational material about where the osprey go; Susan will do the two kiosks with exhibits about autumn and winter.

9. CPC funding for fence project at Hockley Run and tidal areas. – Application for initial \$25,000 submitted for fencing. Status.CPC funding for fence project (Iason: Bob Mosher and Loni from

Conservation Committee) basically 1/3 mile long fence; split rail fencing to keep them out of Hockley Run from the corner and run all the way down to the area by the path and vista but not shut down the path; do some trail maintenance on that trail; Bob & Loni understand what we want to do; CPC is committed to a number of long term repayment schedules so there is a smaller pool of money but fewer groups looking for money and it may be used for affordable housing rather than open space; Susan suggested to Ted that we check out Land & Water Conservation Funds for next month. The CPC submission has since been retracted due to lack of time for fence estimates.

10. Army Corp. of Engineers project update. Tom Mayo asked Ted Matthews to attend the meeting next month Nov. 10 with the Army Corps of Engineers and their selected subcontractor. Mtg. Is not in the park and is a full day long; ground penetrating radar is used; the mtg. Is the nuts and bolts of it; public notification will be crafted at this meeting; Tom Mayo coordinating work with the ACOE groups in Concord and in Virginia (Army Corps of Engineers); contractor will be there.

11. NOAA seminar for park management for coastal areas; Dick Callahan and Susan Kains have applied and are hoping that they will be accepted to go by the NOAA and will bring back information for the committee.

12. Other Items not on the Agenda: Mike from Weymouth had a question: Have the Selectmen asked for the committees recommendation on the dog leash problem? Ted said, "the committee has not updated their position since the meeting with the Selectmen in 2015. Minority and Majority opinions posted on BCPC website" A video of Sept. 29th, said that committee is in favor of it; what was public notification related to mowing and lack of mowing? Susan said, "People are welcome to come to the meetings;" Mike told the committee that stood there at the park entrance and let people know about the upcoming vote of the Selectmen on Thursday; Ted told him that "the leash law changes are going to be discussed on Thursday and that is a better venue; dog leashing issue first discussed in 2012, and 2015, prior to that much discussion since 1986. The Police Chief has listened to our discussions during the many meetings that he attended in 2015 and 16, and is well versed on the issue; it is in the hands of the Police Chief and Selectmen. Selectmen can regulate the park property, according to the town by-law; over the years, what has been accomplished in the park is by the town Selectmen."

Ron Clough: Oct 29th & 30th Saturday 9-4; Sunday 10-4; Model Railroad Open House; cost: \$5.00.

Scout Sign & Buildings: Sign-check with Andy Reed; Ted's group did some cleanup inside one of the buildings; fireplace - the stovepipe gets taken out after using it and they hang it up inside; need to clean it out before the winter to do some winter camping; Ted will check with scout leaders for a service project for troops, taking old metal cots to recycling; not sure if boat is owned by them (small wooden sailboats); lots of garbage has built up and are not really usable; no source of water there, may need a backpack blower. Meeting ended 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan MacMillan Kains