

Bare Cove Park Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

In attendance: Claudia Eaton, Lauren Murphy, Karen Trask, Michael Cioffi, Katie Puzo

Absent: Ted Matthews, Ray O'Neill, Rik Johnson

Bare Cove Park Planning Session

- Opening remarks by Claudia and Katie
- Overview of the year
 - Local school usage for cross-country, crew team. Hingham Rec Dept camp.
 - Roads are maintained in winter. Porta potties present for park patrons.
 - Upgrading equipment/infrastructure (truck/gate post). Trail maintenance.
 - Road races returned.
 - First event - 50th anniversary of town acquiring park.
 - Things that didn't happen. Holiday lights show. Vlogger.
- Geri Duff - as Fire Museum neighbor would like to be notified of events. Willing to open the fire museum, make their toilets available. Many members own their own fire trucks and could bring them in for people to get in.
- Question about how budget is managed and capital outlay
 - Discussed long standing capital request re: Building 80 and the structural concerns with the roof. Continues as a standing request.
 - CPC - request a few years past to upgrade facilities.
 - Goal - pavilion by dockhouse museum. Create a focal area.
 - Currently trying to achieve electricity to the area. Once infrastructure in place will continue pursuit of other projects.
- Ideas/suggestions for future usage
 - Police used to do bike safety demonstrations in the park. Offer the police dept an area for them to do their training.
 - Increase the number and location of benches.
 - Remove prickly vines from trails/trees. Possible HS project?
 - Trail Marking
 - Discussed BCPC has offered as an Eagle Scout project, but haven't had any scouts take on the project yet. Committee is pursuing the project.
 - Continuation of triangle garden improvement.
 - Volunteer day. Ex: pull garlic mustard in the spring.

- Future Project - Youth Conservation Corp Group (World's End has one)
- Like the signage - would like to see more maps/signs.
 - QR codes at location to learn about the history and/or ecosystem.
- Plein air art sessions - have artists set up easels and paint. Could schedule a plein air art day and then exhibit the art at the park, library, etc.
- Frisbee Golf - Ames Estate built a frisbee golf course. Free for anyone who stops by the museum.
- Bird walk. John Gaulluzzo Scituate Board.
- Lockers at BCP - people could pay rent to store kayak in lock box for the season
- Three themes from community suggestions during breakout sessions
 - Park usage: picnic tables, signage/maps/trail markers (QR codes, history, etc), yurts/glamping, ADA accessible, playground, seating (benches), art installations (use kiosks in park for artwork; art in the park - display children's artwork)
 - Park Education: docent tours, partner with Hingham Historical and have a WWII in Hingham opportunity.
 - Park Fun: workout stations, host our own BCP 5K, recreational items (bikes, cornhole - for example would be available Saturdays in the summer), outdoor rink in the winter, frisbee golf.
- Look into grants from the Commonwealth.
- On the maps - label picnic areas.
- Reviewed and Accepted December Meeting Minutes
- Ranger report provided to Claudia from Scott - plow button is not working. DPW indicates probably loose wire/fuse. Will be brought in for repair.
- March meeting - Claudia will be away, Katie available to run the meeting.

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Next Meeting: 2/21/23 at 7pm via zoom

Lauren Murphy