

Bare Cove Park Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

In attendance: Ray O'Neill, Lauren Murphy, Melissa Smith, Claudia Eaton, Michael Cioffi, Joanna Chmielinski

Absent: Katie Puzo

Guests: Anita Ryan, Marcy, Geri Duff, Ted Matthews

Meeting called to order at: 7:04pm

- Event applications -
 - Earth Day Scavenger Hunt - Approved
 - Tomorrow 10am
 - Example items: find a tree too big to hug, find moss, etc
 - Comic books as prizes
 - Completed application and obtained special event insurance (1 million liability insurance, 1 day policy)
 - Connect with police/fire - just to inform them
- Elections - Tabled
- Treasurer's Report - Approved
 - On target
 - Dog signs re: poop to be taken out soon, replace as needed.
 - Gift fund at 78K
 - Won't have a significant surplus. New kiosk? Anything museum needs? Spend surplus before end of fiscal year.
- Review and Accept March Meeting Minutes - Approved
- Ranger's Report - Tabled
- Maps
 - Missy and Joanna - kiosk on map not reflecting where it actually is. Went to park, did find that park needs a few other kiosks in key places where there should be trail marked, map, QR code.
 - Order additional kiosks this fiscal year. Can determine later the need to re-label kiosks/update maps.
 - Kiosk at Bridgers Path.
 - Propose to order two more kiosks -
 - Motion to allocate \$2500 for 2 kiosks and installation - Approved
- Anita Ryan birding and birds

- Birding as a recreation activity. Bird clubs across the country.
- 2300 migratory birds. Haven for bird watchers
- Big business, economic return to having an area that allows close up encounters with birds. Could promote as place clubs could travel to view birds
- ebird.org - related to Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Bare Cove is a bird hotspot
 - People log birds have seen in BCP
- Only estuary in entire Boston basin that hasn't been developed and that is dark (no light pollution).
- Ted used to liaise with Don West - South Shore Bird Club
 - Have them come to an event at BCP?
- Further discussion on projects for the park and 2026 goals
 - Poop pick up
 - Dozens of people came and helped pick up park
 - Clean up along Tuckers swamp path
 - Hire someone to clean the culvert and stream? Notify conservation
 - Use gift funds to identify consultant
 - Mix conservation/recreation
 - David Sequeira, Procurement Officer for the town, could give suggestions and work with the committee. Looking at 30K. Once have a plan go before CPC to match funding.
 - Consider stewardship programs through the state
 - ADA compliance improvements
 - In estuary - need to stay 200 feet away from water for any programming, conservation.
 - Highlight historic aspects of park
 - Motion to move forward with exploring options for park consultant (can ultimately use money from Friends account to fund). Focus on preservation, recreation, highlight history
- Items not anticipated on the Agenda/Citizen's input
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Next Meeting: 5/19/26 at 7pm via Zoom

Lauren Murphy