

Bare Cove Park Committee Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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

Absent:

Guests: Geri Duff, Mark Thorell, Catherine Nolan, Noelle (Bare Cove Preservation), Brian Seppala, Anita Ryan, Rosalind Stearns

Meeting called to order at: 7:00pm

- Event applications -
 - Rec Center (Mark Thorell) - Parkland Program - Approved
 - July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10
 - Never had issues with dogs on off-leash days
 - 9-3pm
 - 1:5 staff:kids ratio
 - 25-50 kids per week
 - Onsite supervisor
 - 6 straight weeks. 250-300 kids over the 6 weeks. World's End, Wompatuck, Bare Cove Park
 - Biking. Stop at Lynch and Carlson Field. Skateboard park.
 - Beantown Marathon (Catherine Nolan) - Approved
 - Sunday, September 6th
 - Sell out at 500. Typically about 300 participate
 - For profit race. Donation to BCP.
 - Hingham boosters - athletes help at water stations, donation back to them
 - Race is already sold-out with a waitlist
 - Last qualifier for Boston Marathon
 - Received application
 - Work with Mark Thorell (Hingham rec) confirm no other activities at Carlson Field that day
 - Areas near Indian point that were slippery - areas that need to be fixed prior to the race?

- Prior to August meeting - make sure have checked in with police dept, etc. let BCPC know about any areas of course that need improvement for safety
- Leash Law Violations
 - Dog violation/attack - initially delayed report of 1st attack. Official complaint of 2nd incident.
 - Allow dog in park? On leash only? Ban?
 - Service dog?
 - Individual has 21 days to appeal
 - Discuss with Town Clerk and Animal Control (Leslie Badger)
 - Will discuss pending additional information and 21 days to appeal at July mtg
 - Post information about off-leash program and proper behavior at the Fire Museum
- Elections -
 - Chair - Ray
 - Secretary - Lauren
 - Treasurer - Missy
 - Liaison to Consultant
 - Public Relations/Communications officer - Friends of BCP (FB page), instagram page, Bare Cove Park email address
 - Operations
 - Youth Park Project liaison - Joanna
- Treasurer's Report - Approved
 - Last month of fiscal year. \$5200 remaining
 - \$1500 poop bags
 - Vehicle - came from capital and gift account
 - Option to allocate money for leaf blower (cobalt, same make as other appliances and uses same battery), 3 locking shears (volunteers use tools), trash bags. Do not need new plow blades at this time.
 - Patching of potholes
 - Determine remaining funds and allocate for paving/potholes (can obtain above supplies for Scott in July). DPW would do the work. - Approved
 - Missy was in touch with Ashley about DPW installing kiosks. Can follow up about paving
 - Wild Cohasset - help with invasives. Clean culverts ex Hockley run
- Review and Accept April Meeting Minutes - Approved
 - Bare Cove Park Committee did not meet in May
- Ranger's Report - Approved

- Dump. Trash. Patrol. Trim trees. Keep dog bags full. Mowing. Weedwack at the museum. Removed picnic table.
- Eagle Scout was approved to make some picnic tables - Anthony.
 - Will attend July meeting
- Museum - 70 people most days, 20 people (hot day)
- Sat 13th - Veterans walk
- Consultant update
 - Have a draft. David Sequeira, Procurements Officer. Sent over past requests for costs. Drafted sample request for consultant. Sent to Dave last week for comments/suggestions.
 - Have a longer term strategy for where we see the park
 - Include figuring out invasives
 - Clearing culverts, irrigation
 - Developing plan - balance recreation and conservation as well as history
 - Consultant - part of CPC grant request. BCPC would provide funds to match CPC contribution. Money from the Gift Fund.
- Further discussion on projects for the park and 2026 goals
- Items not anticipated on the Agenda/Citizen's input
 - Bare Cove Preservation
 - Anita Ryan approached Katie Sutton re: FB group - previously group geared toward off-leash, now geared toward preservation.
 - Article on ospreys in park?
 - Michael - member stripe bass association
 - Ross Kessler saltwater fishery division. Build docks in saltwater areas. Access to fishing
 - Consider limitations due to ACEC status

ADJOURN 8:21pm.

Next Meeting: 8/18/26 at 7pm via Zoom

Lauren Murphy