

Bare Cove Park Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

In attendance: Claudia Eaton, Lauren Murphy, Karen Trask, Michael Cioffi, Rik Johnson, Dewitt Delawter, Ray O'Neill,

Present via phone: Ted Matthews

Guests: Michael Shea, Bridget Nugent, Kaley Gilmore, Jim Clark, Julie Christian, John Hersey, Art Collins

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

- Reviewed and accepted June Meeting Minutes
- Ranger's Report Accepted
 - Mowed. Cleaned fallen trees. Emptied trash.
 - Met with Michael re: memorial bench. Noted several existing benches have cracked.
 - Mower is out for repairs.
 - Triangle garden - Art Collins wants to work on the outer edge of the garden, which will require removing 3-4 inches of loam due to weeds. To proceed, Randy from DPW requires plans for what they want to do.
 - Art Collins -
 - Regarding converting the triangle garden to a pollinator/wildflower garden - the inside portion is done, but does need to be weeded. The outer area will require power equipment to remove several top inches of loam and the existing plastic there in order to get rid of all the weeds. Goal is to have the surface available for fall planting and for plants to take root over the winter.
 - DPW requires a plan to proceed with removing the necessary loam.
 - Original plan included walking path - have decided it is not realistic to keep walking path (ticks, bees, etc).
 - Good museum attendance. 30+ every Sunday that it is open.
 - Recreation Center "Parkland" program came in last Friday with about 40 kids on bikes. Came again on Monday and went to the museum. Dropped off at Carlson field in the morning with bikes, picked up at Lynch at end of day. 1 adult and 6 high school counselors were also present.
 - Will look into mosquito spraying.
 - Graham came and picked up one porta potty and cleaned the other. No ability to lock the handicap porta potty, they attempted to fix it. Ended up removing it, but have not been able to repair or replace it. Currently we only have a single porta potty until they can get us a handicap one. Michael will follow up with Graham that we require an ADA porta potty, otherwise we will put the porta potty on hold for the park.
 - Will follow up on warranty for cracked memorial benches. Memorial benches have a 10 year warranty.
- Treasurer's Report - accepted
 - \$1978 - supplies for dog stations
 - Pothole repair. Eastern alarm. Tire and belt for truck
- Building 80 roof repair
 - Tabled

- Will need to be ready to put it in for capital budget this fall. Will need an amount for the budget, afterwards will have to put the repair out to bid for the actual project.
- CPC Application update - tabled
- Memorial bench guidelines - tabled
 - Ted will work on for next month
- Signage for the park update
 - Reviewed the signage proofs. Motion approved to send sign proofs with dimensions to the Selectmen for approval prior to ordering.
- Discuss permitting fitness programs in the park
 - Senior center is interested in having walking groups in the park.
- Further discussion on projects for the park and 2021 goals
 - Tabled
- Reconsideration of granite bench
 - Michael Shea
 - Noted while out with Ranger looking at bench locations, some of the existing benches are cracked. Reached out to DuMor Inc from PA (makes the bench) but the company wouldn't speak to an individual. Had to go through a licensed distributor (O'Brien and Sons). 10 year warranty from shipping date. No further guidance offered for replacing parts if needed.
 - All existing benches are less than 10 years old. Cracks begin right where composite is bolted into the metal.
 - Re: granite bench. Would be a base pedestal with a 6 foot bench on top. Flat bench with no back. Permanent memorial message. Unable to have plaque for a set period of time prior to 'renewal'.
 - Spoke to Steve re: concrete slabs. Structural integrity of the slab would hold any type of bench. Need 2 weeks prior to putting bench in.
 - Motion to approve the bench and go forward with a granite bench - Approved.
 - Micheal will look into round vs sharp edges to the bench as well as the ability to affix a plaque vs etch granite itself.
- Applications for Park Use
 - Beantown Race- Sept 12 Marathon
 - Last official marathon before the Boston Marathon.
 - Marlene - meditation
 - Application for meditation in the park.
 - Eileen Shaw - meditation
 - Application for mediation in the park.
 - Derby academy - cross country
 - Application for cross country in the park - practices and races.
- Bridget Nugent's Girl Scout project
 - She is creating a community garden that promotes pollinators in our area. Supposed to replace natural gardens that have been damaged by insects, human interference, climate, etc
 - The garden has been planted. Going weekly to water. Plants donated from the Garden Club are taking root.
 - Next step - planting wildflower seeds. Community at large is invited to come to the planting. Will inform committee of planting date.
 - Also plans to create a brochure: how to create your own pollinator garden and why we need them.
- Porta Potty Study - tabled until we have a porta potty

- Biggest concern the Advisory Committee has - why invest in a bathroom when you can rent one?
- Park Plans and CPC request
 - Tabled.
- Items not anticipated on the Agenda. Public discussion.
 - Jim Clark brought up additional sidewalk paving needed for Lynch Field handicap spots. Area is outside of Bare Cove Park jurisdiction.
 - Claudia spoke to Andrea Young with the Historic Commission about Bare Cove Almshouse Burial Tombs re: adding it to the historic inventory. Have set aside September for a joint meeting with the BCPC and Historic Committee to further discuss.
 - Kayley Gilmore - looking to write history of Bare Cove Park including the tombs.
 - Mr. Hersey - the tombs are the cemetery for 3 of his family members and he would like to see the tombs secured and the names of his family members recognized.

ADJOURN 8:12pm

Next Meeting; 08/17/2021 at 7pm at Town Hall

Lauren Murphy