

DRAFT MINUTES Harvard Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday August 8, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

Members present: Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Douglas Thornton, Frank Culmone

Absent: Steve Victorson, Beach Director Alexandra Luck

Also present: Harbormaster Bob O'Shea

Meeting called to order at 7:39. Steve V. out of town 7/18 Meeting Minutes tabled.

Beach updates: Harbormaster will remove all unmarked boats from the water on Saturday. He now has the remaining boat stickers and will mail them to the two folks who needed new stickers last week. There is a safety issue with the unmarked and improperly placed boats and inflatables on the beach side (cove) near the canoe/kayak racks. We will ask the town to help us get an eblast out about this to town and island residents. The Harbormaster has recurring concerns about how the beach director and staff are following the rules around boats washing and counting boaters on the water. It seems that parking A-frame that the commission suggested the beach director put in is not there. A cone and a slow/stop sign is currently being used but does not seem to be working to slow down speeding motorists or stop those without stickers. Discussed the moorings and getting those re-labeled.

Sheep Island resident, Rick Dickson had a question about beach parking. The commission learned of his ongoing work to rid the pond of water chestnuts (an invasive) and thanked him for his commitment to that work. Rick explained a recent issue with the beach staff and confusion over allowing access for island guests to park at the beach. Discussed that island residents would include Sheep, and Whitney Island. There are no structures on Hildreth island. Need parking passes for the islanders and also boat stickers for each year. The group discussed the possibility of use of something similar to the fishing tournament PDF passes that could be mailed to the island guests with a specific date. The confirmation of passes could be emailed to the beach director and the police so all were in the loop on parking and violators could be caught.

Field updates: Concern about getting the fields ready for the fall season. There was an issue with watering and the irrigation equipment on Depot Road is not working properly. Discussed the long board event and its impact on town traffic and the common. The event seemed to have expanded its hours this year.

Budget updates: Personnel change for the beach director is not signed. It will remain in the mail box for the beach liaison. Went over correspondence and current bills due in the mailbox. Frank met with Tim and is getting up to speed on the financial paperwork.

New business: Not meeting on the 22nd, no room is available and travel schedules mean likely lack of quorum. Will meet on last Monday 8/29 since we can't meet on Labor Day Monday. Discussed concerns about beach staff and safety specifically an incident with a boat flipping over and swimming lesson concerns. Will ask the beach director to talk these about the next issues at next meeting.

Adjourned 10:05 PM