

Parks and Recreation  
Meeting Minutes  
August 31, 2020

Call to order 7:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:** Mark Morin, Bob O'Shea, Michelle Laura, Doug Thornton

**Audience:** Keith Bilafer, Holly Hatton, Craig Bardenheuer, Miriam Myers, Cindy Tingle, Steve Victorson, Rick Dickson, Brian DeDominici, 978-456-0218, 978-870-5871, others

**Minutes Approval –**

- 7/20 – Doug motioned as written / Michelle seconded, vote **3-0** (Mark not a commissioner at time of meeting)
- 8/17 – Michelle motioned with spelling corrections / Doug seconded **4-0**

**Program Updates**

Beach Operations

○ BHRA Fall Plan & Agreement action

Holly summarized the fall program (at 8:40 in video)

- TeamSnap – COVID health check-in daily by 2PM (Conner Finnagan hire to collect data and provide contact tracing information if needed)
- Families to fill our wellness waiver

Michelle – wants to make sure Ira has no issues

Cindy – asked about belongings and commuting

- Numbered placards, 6 feet apart

Mark – asked about storage of sailboats in private – Marie says we have \$100,000 coverage for goods

Michelle – commented about agreement – “only holdup is me”, “nothing outstanding”, “me plugging in last bits of information”

Holly facts

Start Tuesday 9/8 start – finish Sat oct 30

Craig – “thanks for working with us”

○ Public Input for Gate Closure (26:30)

Bob overview (see attached)

- Beach should be closed 10pm, open at sunrise
- Signage – at top of road, white sign says residence, sign at gate, sign for non-residence, no trailer parking sign,
- 10pm to sunrise sign has gone missing
- Nothing on website about beach hours
- Boat kiosk cameras

Input from NextDoor Harvard - see attachment for input from the community, boat launch statistics and fishing tournament number.

## Comments from the public

Cindy (38:50)

- 1) NH license plates in the mornings, did they not by passes - might be that most people registered their trailer in NH or ME
- 2) Agree with concern about people pressuring others to keep gate open
- 3) Short tempers at gate – how will logistics work

Steve

- 1) handicapped person going to kiosk
- 2) kids will be kids
- 3) logistics
- 4) who's on call at 4am – mechanical systems break down
- 5) money – fishing tournaments, people are not paying verses cost; Bob – young folks could not collect on exit - sticker checkers till 7 this year, folks came at 7:01
- 6) can police come more often, Bob can ask

Rick Dickson

- 1) “locking of the gate ... bought me back to 2012”
- 2) people have backed into the gate
- 3) 911 call to report special island fire, emergency response time a big concern,
- 4) Island residence who stay after 100pm
- 5) make sure we have free and easy access (Bob has gotten input from environmental police)
- 6) boats sinking at ramp

Cindy – do other towns have security cameras that can apply fee to license plate (like Mass Pike); idea about asking Boy Scouts to set up weather cam, could our camera be linked to a sailing site

Rick – one other thought – boat top verses trailers, what about time of day? 6am, 2pm, 7pm – I know when Linda was there she did chase down people, \$50 no parking fine instead of \$25 pass, took me 50 weeks to resolve parking issue with town

Doug's comments – 1) emergency recently, 2) logistics, 3) revenue days you may need someone there, 4) convince of people visiting briefly for the view

Michelle – police boat – they'll have key; deterring kids – gate there would not help; learning curve

Rick – if a key is broken, you are sunk, two locks either can open

Michelle would like to see a keypad, four-digit code, yes, costs money

Bob – company has front door keypad

Big island pond in Pellom – have to change keys every year

Bob's comments - honor system for rest of this year; second comment about getting away from keys, in town get discount equal to fee

## ○ Gate Closure Discussion / Vote

Bob – lean on waiting until next year

Michelle – wait on it, last meeting with Alley, gate at top before parking

Bob – 3 sticker checkers, two under 15, may be able to work, michelle to ask again

Cindy – volunteer for the mooring in exchange for next year's parking fee  
Rick – Dave Bacon passed away, other water resource people may be of interest

### Fields and Commons

Darren has submitted his resignation  
Keith has submitted his application to join us  
Mark and Bob discussed who's who

### Field/track status

Mark – contacted Tim about track issues about cracks at end of field  
Bob – DPW handles labor, we support materials  
Mark – hoping to meet with Tim tomorrow  
Doug - \$500 or more commission approval, track is something we maintain  
Keith – Upper Depot lined wrong, goals put on field  
Bob – Tim K. wants standard line of communication setup  
Keith – Charlie Waite well  
Bob – paid \$98 to Corbel irrigation, need well pump company either Willmington Pump or Sontag out of Sterling, two wells, get them in for diagnostic  
Mark – pump was tripping circuit breaker

### Action to expand Maintenance Plan to include Track, Playgrounds & Beach

General discussion of expanding maintenance plan including a motion that was withdrawn.

### **Public Communications**

Keith – Harvard soccer club is exploring what a fall season might look like  
Rent 4 fields to do practices, cost gets pretty dramatic  
Looking for reduced rental costs  
Groups based on school cohorts  
Keith will let the (soccer) board know we are receptive to a discount  
Rick Dickson – confusion over the status of board of health, Bob referred Rick to Select Board meeting  
Event Requests and New Business All Discussion / Vote 9:20

### **Event Requests and New Business**

HFA Halloween event

Adjourn - Michelle / Mark **4-0** 9:48 - Next Meeting: Sep 21

Attachment:



Non-Res Boat  
Launch Stats v1.pptx