Webster Memorial Beach Committee Open Meeting Minutes

Location: Webster PD Community Room
Date: February 6th at 5:PM

The first thirty minutes of the meeting was a discussion led by Paul where we discussed the charter of our group and its deliverables.

Our goal is to create a master plan pertaining to the development of the beach and share this plan with the selectman.

We also discussed the work being done by the WPI Team and how this work could support the development of the Master Plan.

We reviewed a Site Plan for the Memorial Beach Area provided by Jane Cullinane. Jane made the recommendation to align our Master Plan with a site plan that identifies what space is truly available wetlands, wells, etc....

Carole Discussed Boat Fees for Tournaments last year. Non-Profits Revenue: $1000.00 last year. Recommendation was to make no changes to the existing fee structure.

Tom presented his findings on Kayak / Canoe Racking. He has identified two variations. One wood based and one steel tubing based. Tom will continue to research possible solutions and provide rough cost estimates for build and potential rental rates at the next meeting.

WPI did not attend so Progress Report did not take place. This will be done at the next meeting.

Jason also did not make this meeting. Carole stated she and Jason sent out a number of requests for information and no information has been received.

Carole also discussed that the staff could be trained to look at the boats as they arrive at the gate to inspect for plants, etc. Paul shared that he spoke with The Solitude Weed Treatment Company and Mass Fisheries and confirmed that they can help with training. Basically, after inspection, if weeds are present, boats are not allowed entry until they are removed.

The team discussed the Wall Chart and the need to re-evaluate what content falls within the scope and charter of the Committee.

The group briefly discussed the need to understand how many boats can be on the lake at the same time – safely. Ron agreed to research existing standards pertaining to this and report back at the next meeting.
Question: Can stickers be made available only to Webster residents? We need to understand what the rules are on assigning fees to non-residents or out of state. Can Doug Willardson define this?

Jane Cullinane recommended that a subcommittee be formed to research and recommend the potential for the addition of buoys at lakeside.

Wendy Young discussed her desire to launch a pontoon boat at Lakeside. And also discussed the fact that there is no signage at Lakeside to keep people from partying there after hours.

Next meeting:
March 6th 6:PM Location TBD.
Report from WPI
Report from Jason