

Memorial Beach Committee

Minutes from 12/12/18 meeting

Members Present: Paul Laframboise, Carole Marchand, Robert Hudon, Jane Levesque, Jason Piader, Joanne Sadd. Pamela Jarosz Also present were Emily Cafelli, Joseph Genga and Davi (students from WPI), Douglas Willardson (Town Administrator) Anthony Anesse (Webster resident)

Members not present: Ron Frohock, Tom Klebart

Meeting held at Gladys E Kelly Library and called to order by Chariman Laframboise at 6:10 PM

State grant money was discussed as to how much money was available through the state if we were to close Lakeside boatramp to motorized boats and make Memorial Beach the state access ramp. Doug Willardson said that to his recollection the state would give us a one time payout of \$600,000 for improvements. He said there was a separate grant he believed to be in the amount of \$250,000 we could apply for specific to a boat washing station. Jason Piader said that he believed that along with the \$600,000 the state would give us another \$200,000, and there would be maintenance money available for new structures.

Discussion was had on requirements that the beach would have to adhere to. One would be that all Massachusetts residents would adhere to one rate while non Massachusetts residents would adhere to another. At lease residents with boats. There would no longer be a Webster rate and everyone else rate. Discussion was had as to whether or not seniors and Veterans would still be able to get free entry. Doug Willardson said he would check with the state but was doubtful. As discussion went on Carole Marchand had two concerns. First was that if we make Memorial Beach the state access ramp and limit the amount of boats that can come in there is a good chance that Webster residents will find themselves unable to launch their boats. Her other concern was that closing Lakeside would infringe upon people in that neighborhood that are not on the water but have deeded rights to Lakesie. Jason Piader mentioned that there are no deeded rights. People cannot have deeded rights to state property.

Doug Willardson also made a suggestion that instead of closing the Lakeside boat ramp we staff Lakeside with a gate worker on the weekends. Once the parking lot is full the attendant would not allow any more boat launching. The hope in doing this would be to limit the number of boats launching from Lakeside and put an end to the parking on the street. This was discussed, and was decided that Doug, Tom and Carole would get together to work out some fee analysis and bring them to the next meeting.

Robert Hudon suggested an ice fishing derby to take place and raise some money for the beach. The discussion was brief but positive. This topic will be taken up with the Carole Marchand and the Rec committee.

WPI began their presentation of recommendations for the beach. They discussed making a grassy field as you enter to the right where it is now dirt. It can be used as a field or as for parking when needed. They also suggested that the narrow part to the left be used as overflow parking. A dog friendly off leash park was suggested for the middle of the walking track over the bridge. No changes were suggested for the front walking track. There was talk of "cleaner signage" and the renovations of the bathrooms. We had an open table discussion of ideas. The area beyond the pumping station was talked about and how it could be used. It is believed that the area can be used but not built upon. That will be checked out. The students from WPI were going to check the area out. At this time there was no cost breakdown. The students were getting ready for winter break and would have some more information at our next meeting.

Captain assignments for high level topics. Members that were present volunteered for various topics to work as teams on sub committees. Next meeting we will review and start assignments.

Next meeting was planned for January 23, 2019 6 pm at Gladys E Kelly Library.

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Approve 11/20/18 minutes

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Captain assignment review

WPI review

Financial Analysis review