

Memorial Beach Advisory Committee
Minutes for meeting February 25, 2016

Attendance:

Diane Mandile (Absent-excused), Ray Mullins, Greg Mancini, Paul Brinkley, Paul Congdon

Meeting called to order by Secretary Ray Mullins at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ray Mullins

Minutes for meeting 2-11-2016 approved unanimous

Ray informed the committee that Robert Fredrickson resigned from the committee.

Ray: Review of discussion with the Board of Selectmen on February 22nd. My feeling was that Ken Pizzetti expressed his feeling that no changes should be made at the present time. I expressed y concern that Mr Pizzetti had made up his mind and that the BOS would go along with him. Mark Dowgiewicz spoke up and said they (the BOS) was looking at what we submitted and they haven't made any decisions on anything yet. But they did not seem inclined to make any changes on the rates or anything that Diane had forwarded to them. They may have scanned over the information but there does not seem to be an interest in doing anything this year. I did question them on the stickers for the compost and beach being separated. I told them we needed to separate the two to see exactly where revenue was coming from each. I received no answer to this suggestion.

Paul Congdon expressed a concern about the walk in fees especially for teens walking in. A further general discussion mentioned the sticker including the walking track and Paul C and Greg thought it should not be included in the beach sticker.

Next on the agenda we discussed the draft provided by Diane to be submitted to the BOS. This draft included recommendations for: Supervision, Length of Season, Tables, Grills, Minor Enhancements and Signage. Ray read through the entire draft. Ray: I suggested a few sentences to be added. Ray will send the suggestions to Diane for review and incorporated into the draft for a final vote at our next meeting on March 10.

Item #5 on the agenda was to discuss additional operational and enhancement issues at the beach. Item 5a signage was passed over as we agreed that this was covered in the draft.

5b, Location of Booth: Ray: I've always maintained that the booth needs to be moved back to where it was just past the 395 bridge. It was originally moved because of the back up onto Thompson Rd. of the waiting line. This was also back when rates were very low and the beach had a lot of traffic. Also, the walking tracks are on the beach sticker and considered part of the Beach Complex. Paul B, Greg and Paul C all expressed the feeling that no one should have to pay to walk on either walking track. Ray expressed concern that we cannot control walk ins

from where the booth is now and with the walking track being on the sticker the booth should be before the walking tracks. Ray also mentioned cars being let in past the booth to the beach to let families unloaded while the cars then left the beach, parked on Thompson Rd and drivers walked back into the beach. We also cannot police the walking track to issue \$100 fines for parking at the track and walking into the beach. Paul C again mentioned not paying for the walking track. Greg and Paul B agreed. No motions were made with regards to the Booth.

Moving along to 5c on the agenda: Boat Ramp: Greg mentioned that he thought the ramp was owned by Hazard Marine. Paul C said no, it was donated by Hazard Marine but belongs to the town. Greg: who is the person designated to fix it? There is a bumper on the corner of the dock (not ramp) that will hurt someone if it's not fixed. Ray suggested a video camera at the ramp to possibly be used for ticketing power loaders or a designated person to supervise the ramp use. Paul C suggested this be part of the Senior Work off program for tax credits, giving them the power to write tickets. Ray mentioned also that when the Marina's bring boats in to test, they power load every time. Ray mentioned that they know what they are doing and actually joke about power loading. Paul C and Greg mentioned a drop off at the edge of one side of the ramp caused by power loading that will cause a trailer to drop off the end and get stuck there. Greg questioned how Wallum Lake deals with their boat ramp and power loading. Ray stated that they approach the manager of the bass tournaments and make him responsible for see to it that no boats are power loaded. Otherwise they have no supervision of the ramp. No motions were made with regards to the Boat Ramp.

Other Business unknown at time of posting:

Paul C: asked if we ever considered privatizing? Ray mentioned that Deb Keefe had mentioned a private company running the booth with allowing users to take a ticket on the way in and collecting fees on the way out based on hours of use. Ray mentioned that it would be a problem with some having seasonal stickers and how to control their entry. He also mentioned the possibility of a private marina or kayak rental service. The privatization is something we might suggest to the BOS and along with recommendations and information given to the BOS we should also pass on to the Master Plan Committee. Paul C also mentioned a trash in, trash out program.

Ray mentioned that Pam had mentioned about us asking for additional members. We all agreed to hold off on a request for now and possibly request a return to a 5 member committee.

The next meeting will be March 10th.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul and seconded by Greg. Motion to adjourn unanimous at 8pm.

