

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Meeting Date: February 28, 2022
6-7 p.m.

Meeting Place: Zoom

Salt Meadow Advisory Committee Minutes

Members Present: Alex Wetmore, Chairperson; William Piggott; Mark Casperino; Warren Hartmann; Kendra Paolitto (alternate); Austin Hall; Mary Pat Nardino
Absent: Alicia Sullivan, Cheryl Davis (Secretary)

Alex Wetmore, Chairperson, called the meeting of February 28, 2022 to order at 6:06 p.m.

- i. January 24, 2022 minutes: Motion by Bill Piggot, with a second by Mark Casperino to accept the minutes. They were passed with unanimous approval.
- ii. Public Comments: Helayne Lightstone, President of the Dud's Village Association asked for the opportunity to be heard by the committee regarding marking boundaries along Dud's Village property that abuts the SMP playing fields. Alex Wetmore made a comment that the Committee will walk the perimeter with members of Dud's Village once the weather improves and the snow clears. Mark Casperino asked if this Committee was the right forum for this discussion, Helayne Lightstone said she was directed to speak with the Salt Meadow Advisory Committee, but ultimately the issue will have to go in front of the P&Z commission and the Town. There is no time frame currently regarding construction of fencing delineating Dud's Village from the SMP playing fields . Austin Hall said all Dud's Village's resident's concerns will be taken into consideration regarding the construction and implementation of these low-level cedar posts and rails.
- iii. Public Comment: Laura Brancato spoke about residents returning to their homes on or around April 1, and wondering about the flags currently ion place highlighting the boundaries. There are no permits for the resident's sheds that are currently in the vicinity.

OLD BUSINESS

iv. Rest Area

Discussion Notes: Austin Hall shared an engineered drawing of the new location close to the new pavillion area. Families and kids will walk along a gravel path from the playing fields to the new rest area, which will be ADA accessible. The area does not block the vistas.

Discussion Notes (cont): Mark Casperino asked if the portalets will currently remain where they are (in addition to the new rest area). Austin Hall mentioned that there should be no need for port-a-lets once the restroom structure is in place. The timing for proposed rest area is roughly 3 months from start to delivery and finish.

Motion made by Bill Piggott, seconded by Mark Casperino to send the new rest area plan to ACA and Planning and Zoning.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously by the committee members present.

v. Maintenance and Management Updates (Austin Hall)

Discussion Notes: Spring sports scheduling is underway and ongoing. Lacrosse and Soccer are in season during the Spring, therefore there will be a meeting with ground staff to evaluate the current conditions of the playing fields.

Salt Meadow Park undergoes 4 quarters of ground water testing. We're currently in the 3rd quarter and the sampling of the ground water currently revealed no cause for concern. We are conducting these quarterly tests since SMP used to be an operating airfield, and this sampling process looks for metals and oils in the soil.

Pavillion - Beach & Rec is waiting for the weather to improve before the floor of the pavilion is poured. Kendra Paolitto asked how warm does it have to be before this is done? Austin Hall said we need another three weeks before this can happen as we need several days of continuous warmer weather to perform this task efficiently.

Updated Tree Plan:

The tree plan was recently approved by ACA and it will be going in front of the P&Z commission on Thursday, March 3. If the plan is approved by the P&Z, Mad for Trees and Committee members will scout to plant trees on or around Earth Day (Friday, April 22).

NEW BUSINESS

vi. Activities discussion for 2022

Discussion notes:

Art in the Park will take place on May 21, 2022 near the picnic area of the park (as youth sports will be in session that Saturday). Artists will pay a fee to have a booth/tent set up in the park, and the proceeds will be used to fund a SMP concert in the month of May or June.

The 2022 Salt Meadow Concert Series will take place the third Saturday of each month, assuming the budget is approved.

Budgets have not been finalized and there won't be approval on budgets until it goes to referendum on May 15, 2022.

Alex Wetmore brought up the idea of yoga at Salt Meadow. As this is a new program, it would have to go through the Beach & Rec department and the fee (20% on top of what the yoga instructor charges) would go into Beach & Rec overall budget.

vii. Public Comment: Laura Brancato, a resident of Dud's Village, is asking the committee to review the stakes on North St, and would be happy to meet and take the Committee on a walk-through of the area. She brought up the minutes from 1/25/21 where it was stated that "The Town is planning to put cedar posts to delineate the line between the cabins and the edge of SMP to designate where the town's responsibility begins & ends." There is no planned timeframe for this to happen.

viii. Adjournment.

Moved by Alex Wetmore and seconded by Mark Casperino to adjourn the meeting at 6:40. The next meeting will be March 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Wetmore,. Chairperson
Salt Meadow Advisory Committee