

MADISON BEACH AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

MEETING PLACE: Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Card (Chair), Mary Pat Nardino (Vice Chair), and Vince Dussich.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scot Erskine (Director of Beach and Recreation), Bruce Wilson (Board of Selectmen), Bill Carroll (Attendee) and Danielle Nobitz.

Rob Card opened up the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting- June 2, 2020:

MP approved the minutes and Vince seconded. MP Nardino was spelt wrong in the first paragraph. Under Project Updates Eagle Scout Project was spelt wrong. West Wharf did not have the H in Wharf. Garvan Point was spelt wrong. Manned in the second sentence was spelled incorrectly. East Wharf is installing a flag pole that is lite is what that sentence should of said. In the Budget Status it should have said Select Woman Peggy Lyons.

The minutes were approved with all three commission members present in favor.

Public Comments:

None.

Chair's Comments:

See attached.

Director's Report:

Scot mentioned the Beach Pass Sales. He said as of today they have sold 702 more beach passes than last year. Revenue for right now is \$108,210. 5,356 beach passes sold compared to last year where the number was 4,674. The mail and the online system helped a lot with the sales of the beach passes. Scot stated that they are fully staffed with lifeguards now. Beach staff is fully operational Scot mentioned. Beach staff has to wear masks. The public that go to the beach have to wear masks and stay six feet away if possible. There are signs up at all the beaches with the rules to follow. Scot said that he has contracts out for the fencing for the Canoe/Kayak Launch on Cottage Road. He mentioned the West Wharf emergency dock to keep people from entering the

dock. Scot has an extension on the Strong Field fencing to put it down into the marsh at the main entrance. He has a contract let out for the fencing up at Rockland Preserve by the playground which is going to be completed by the end of this month he hopes. Scot mentioned he requested a fencing quote for Lawlorly field to temper post and rail that along with the gate so they can close that when they want to so people can't just go into the field whenever they want. Salt Meadow septic design Scot says he is getting a quote for that to be installed. The replacement of the bulk head at Garvan Point was mentioned. They are trying to get some of the social distancing signs up at Rockland Park. Scot mentioned that there are 4 written incident reports. 2 of them were medical, first aid situations. 1 was from July 3. Someone was very hostile at the gate. The last one they thought was a rescue but ended up being party balloons in the water. These incidents are all documented. There was a discussion of an average of cars turned away from each beach. The turned away cars consisted of either the lots being filled or the cars not having beach passes.

Old Business:

Rob mentioned that a comment was made by a resident about putting down a life ring as a safety measure when the life guards are not there. Scot said there is no word from the counsel yet on this matter.

New Business:

Bruce brought up the next generation of the surf club. What should the committee be focusing on as far as projects are concerned? He also mentioned the community center. MP mentioned revisiting the survey and making it an annual survey. Vince mentioned that he echoed what Bruce said about the Surf Club. Scot mentioned the Surf Club building and Garvan Point. Rob mentioned project prioritization.

Public Comments:

No comments.

Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m. Rob adjourned the meeting. MP motioned and Vince seconded.

The adjournment was approved with all three committee members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo

Chair's report July 7, 2020

As we close our fiscal year there are highlights for the minutes. These accomplishments are a result of the collaborative work of the Entire Beach and Recreation team led by Scot Erskine and to include office staff, program employees, grounds crews, summer and surf club staff. In addition, the Technology department, Police Department, Finance department as well as the cooperation from Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance who were all critical in this year's accomplishments. Thank you to the Commission members for your volunteer time, direction and support of the Beach and Recreation department and Town of Madison.

FY19/20 Beach and Recreation accomplishments

Operated within budget

Held four dedicated sessions for public and commission discussion on new parking system.

Cancelled parking system contract

Operationalize lifeguards and gate guards

Executed B&R town survey that provided guidance and direction for the Commission and Department

Enabled online beach pass purchases with Department's RecTrac software 6 weeks ahead of schedule

Created new B&R landing page

Operationalized standards aligned to Covid-19 state and federal guidelines

Erected B&R grounds staff building at surf club

Installed emergency service dock at west Wharf.

Established and executed Monthly reviews of budget, incidents and projects.

Opportunities

Continue survey on annual basis

Evaluation of program offerings and needs

Create plan to Enhance assets physically and aesthetically

Prioritize project aligned asset maintenance and strategic plan