

**Madison Beach and Recreation Commission**  
**Special Meeting**  
**July 22, 2019**

**In attendance:** Rob Card, Mary Pat Nardino, Pam Greene, Vince Dussich, Scot Erskine (Director), Bruce Wilson (BOS Liaison), Tom Banisch (First Selectman), Al Goldberg (BOS), Scott Murphy (BOS)

Members of the public present: Madison residents Joan Walker and Frank Guarascio

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Card at 6:30 p.m. The Chair began by thanking MP Nardino for bringing the issue of Beach Pass parking hours at the Surf Club back to the Commission for discussion, and then addressed the Special Meeting Agenda:

1. Public Comment: There was none at this time.
2. Discuss and take action to approve recommending revisions of the Beach Pass parking hours at the Surf Club to the Board of Selectmen.

**Motion** by MP Nardino to return the end of parking enforcement at the Surf Club to 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Pam Greene and followed by discussion. Multiple issues had been created by extending the parking enforcement at the Surf Club to 8:00 pm and complaints were being heard from various community groups:

- Disruption to Madison sports groups and their game events that were normally scheduled at or shortly after 5:00 pm at the Surf Club.
- Madison citizens who like to use the Surf Club after 5:00 pm for dinner or special gatherings.
- Madison civic groups who use the Surf Club for meetings after 5:00 pm.
- Special events contracted at the Surf Club like weddings.
- Disruption of business at M&J Beach Grille and Seafood. It was reported that 60-65% of business occurs during the period from 5:00-8:00 pm, and much of their prepaid advertising says free parking after 5:00 pm.

Vince Dussich asked whether we should be giving similar consideration to the Madison Beach Hotel located near West Wharf Beach. Scot Erskine explained the importance of preserving the 22 parking spaces for Madison residents who want to use the beach or boat launch from 5:00-8:00 pm during the summer beach season.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: Joan Walker asked about parking allowances for the employees at M&J Beach Grille and learned that allowances had already been made.
4. Adjournment: Motion by Pam Greene to adjourn, seconded by Vince Dussich. The meeting ended at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Greene, Secretary