

**Madison Beach and Recreation Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting: September 3, 2019**

**In attendance:** Rob Card, Pam Greene, Vince Dussich, Scot Erskine (Director)

**Absent:** Mary Pat Nardino, Shane Kokoruda, Bill Piggott (Salt Meadow Park), Ted Rahmann (Bauer Park), Joe Oslander (Rockland), Virginia Raff (Greenway Trail), Bruce Wilson (BOS Liaison)

**Guests/members of the public in attendance:** Madison residents Jassa Carth, Beau LeBlanc, and Mark Steffen

Meeting called to order by Chair Rob Card at 7:00 p.m.

I. Approval of the Minutes – August 6, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes for August 6, 2019 by Pam Greene, seconded by Vince Dussich. Discussion: Vince Dussich requested that under New Business/Town Strategic Plan Update, the following be added to the record: Vince Dussich asked BOS Liaison Bruce Wilson if the question for the Academy School Community Center referendum ballot would be a clear “Yes” or “No” vote. Bruce answered that the wording of the referendum was a current discussion point before the Board of Selectmen and not yet finalized.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Pam Greene, seconded by Vince Dussich and passed unanimously.

II. Public Comments:

A. Jassa Carth, Beau LeBlanc, and Mark Steffen spoke to the needs for court time for Adult and Youth Basketball in Madison with the hope that the Beach & Recreation Department would consider expanding winter hours (November through March) at the Town Campus Gym particularly on the weekends. Scot Erskine said that he would analyze what it would cost for utilities and staffing and present a plan for an updated schedule at the next B&R Commission meeting on September 17, 2019.

III. Chairman’s Report: Rob Card

- A. Rob reported that he continues to meet with Scot every 2 weeks to keep abreast of issues and be prepared for the September 17 meeting focusing on Madison beaches.
- i. Lifeguards: Joe Barbera, Risk Management Agent from CIRMA will report on Town’s liability exposure with guards versus no guards.
  - ii. Meeting with Passport (company that now owns Complus): There will be a meeting on September 10 from 1:00-2:00 pm at Town Campus with a representative from Passport to review what Passport can provide in terms

of parking services at Madison beaches. Scot brought up the need to install boosters for internet service at the Surf Club if we continue to use the plate readers.

- iii. Some issues have been brought up by residents regarding the Madison Beach Hotel wanting to extend its property lines near West Wharf Beach.

#### IV. Director's Report: Scot Erskine

##### A. Budget:

- i. The Beach & Recreation Department will spend more than it generates during the fiscal year.
- ii. It was agreed that Scot would generate quarterly budget reports (October-January-April-July) reflecting monthly expenses and monthly income compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year as a point of reference. Reports of income will include sales of passes (beach and gym), facility rentals, boat rack rentals, program fees, hourly parking fees at beaches, and payments of parking tickets.

##### B. Projects: Major ongoing projects include:

- i. Maintenance building for grounds staff at Surf Club (Target date: Spring 2020)
- ii. Salt Meadow Park building/pavilion with restrooms (Target date: Spring 2020 before music festival)
- iii. West Wharf Floating Dock System for recreation and fire boats (Target date: Spring 2020)
- iv. Exchange Field redesign and rebuild to include a secondary access road (Target date: Spring 2020)
- v. Playscape at Rockland Park (2020)
- vi. Town Campus Garage: new roof and siding (2020)
- vii. Surf Club building repair (2020)
- viii. Overlooks at Salt Meadow Park (2020)

##### C. Incidents/Complaints:

- i. Fist fight at West Wharf Beach
- ii. A few altercations at the Surf Club, some as a result of people responding negatively and inappropriately to staff trying to enforce rules.

##### D. Section Reports:

- i. Bauer Park: Advisory Committee Vice Chair Holly Johnson send a report noting a slight increase in fundraising for the Harvest Festival, and work to flag the area for a dog park at Bauer Park. The Dog Park Committee is going to try to meet and find a point person to help work with the town to keep things moving forward.

#### V. Old Business:

- 1. Community Survey: This agenda item was postponed to the October meeting due to the absence of Shane Kokoruda and MP Nardino.

2. Program Use/Cancellation/Space Needs: This information will be included in Scot's quarterly report in October, and will include programs scheduled, programs run, and programs canceled.
3. Preparation for 9/17 Meeting:
  - a. Joe Barbera to address risk management related to lifeguards.
  - b. Davide Mendonca to be present to discuss possible process for lifeguard recruitment and hiring.
  - c. Rob to collect data on lifeguards.
  - d. Scot to collect data on parking to evaluate what worked and what didn't, and to provide update on Passport service capabilities.
  - e. Pam to go back into minutes to review public comments.
  - f. Vince to provide relevant information on the Greenwich Decision.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Vince Dussich, seconded by Pam Greene. The meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Greene, Secretary

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL