Salt Meadow Advisory Committee
Minutes

Members Present: Alex Wetmore, Chairperson; Cheryl Davis, Secretary; William Piggott; Mark Casperino; Warren Hartmann; Kix Baugh; Kendra Paolitto (Alternate); Austin Hall; Mary Pat Nardino

Alex Wetmore, Chairperson, called the meeting of September 26, 2022 to order at 6:02 p.m.

i. August 22, 2022 minutes: Cheryl Davis moved and Bill Piggott seconded to approve the August 22, 2022 minutes. This motion passed unanimously.

ii. Public Comments:
There were no public comments tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

iii. Dog Park
Austin Hall reported that the meetings regarding final approval of the Dog Park are scheduled for October 11, ACCA, and on October 20, Planning and Zoning. Once approved, the 5’ chain link fencing will go up within two weeks, therefore, an opening date for the Dog Park sometime in mid-November. Doggy bags will be provided for patrons. Soil samples will be done on a regular basis to assist with grass maintenance. There will be signage at the entrance of the dog park re: liability.

iv. Restroom:
There has been no progress made on the restroom, as the Town is still researching the waterless option. Updates will be provided to the committee as they become available.

vi. Fall Sports:
The MST Soccer Tournament took place in September, with 97 teams participating from across the State of Connecticut. The grass is holding up well on the fields, having been watered twice per day all summer. Soil samples are taken twice per year to determine the best care for the grass.

vii. There were no updates given on the Salt Marsh research project.

viii. Marine Ventures/Marina Landing has not contacted Austin regarding the walkthrough of the nearby piece of land. The organization would like to donate/transfer a 7.5 acre parcel of land that is adjacent to the Salt Meadow Park to the Town of Madison. Austin will be reaching out to them.
NEW BUSINESS

ix. A suggestion was made by Kix Baugh to improve the old runway area by creating a labyrinth made out of shells and rocks. Kix has been in touch with someone who did a similar project in Branford. Kix, Alex and Cheryl will plan to meet with him to get a firm idea of scope prior to the next meeting.

x. Some discussion about ways to earn money to support projects at the park.

xi. 2022 budget

   Austin provided budget information at the September meeting. The SMP Advisory Committee budget for 2022 was $5000. The committee earned $400 in vendor fees for Art in the Park, for a total of $5400 for the year. The committee spent $3500 on concerts, leaving a balance of $1900, to be used prior to July 1, 2023. This money may help with the costs of a June concert, as well as cover some costs for the labyrinth.

xiii. Adjournment.

   Moved by Bill Piggott and seconded by Cheryl Davis to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Davis, Secretary
Salt Meadow Advisory Committee