



## Madison Beach and Recreation Department Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee

### Meeting Notes October 9, 2018

Present: Joe Walker, Bill Piggott, Alicia Sullivan, Ron Bodinson, Ginny Raff, Mary Pat Nardino, Warren Hartmann

Absent: Al Goldberg, Scot Erskine

Meeting called to order at 6:07 P.M.

1. **Review and Approve minutes of August 13, 2018.** Ginny Raff moved to approve, Bill Piggott, seconded, Joe Walker abstained, unanimous approval.
2. **Maintenance update** from Scot via email.

Solar array is, in fact, operational and producing energy so that's a positive.

All habitat will again be working with us for invasives.

Fencing for west side of entrance should be coming in anytime now and we will get installed ASAP... need to decide as to whether or not we clear cut the field or not as cedars are beginning to overtake the area and will become forest again and be useless as far as an event parking area... people should consider and we can decide at next meeting.

I once again asked for funds through Bauer trust for interpretive/educational signage they meet in December.

CIP just beginning to meet... building \$\$ seems to be enough so I'm thinking we will be good to go. As that is in 2019-20...

**Committee Comment:** *Good buildings bring people to parks. This was the original plan. Should have running water, etc. make sure that initial investments are protected. Scot was going to send information around regarding the building after the last meeting. Would you do that, Scot?*

Front entrance ... may need to rope and post off islands as people continue to park there and that is a problem with not only egress but possible damage to our irrigation system.

This past Saturday youth lacrosse used the amphitheater to show a movie .. have not heard how it went but a positive for more use of park...

*Committee comment that this is a good thing to hear. We are happy to hear that the park is being used by different groups for different activities.*

Library is running a program for teens regarding model rocketry and would like to culminate program by allowing students to launch their models at the conclusion of the class... they allow them to do this... told them I would get back to them after committee discussed...

*Committee Comment: should we allow a special permit to the library to launch model rockets when the birds aren't migrating.*

*Has benefit of bringing kids and more people to enjoy the park.*

*Request for Scot to ask for a specific proposal for consideration. The committee is open to model rocketry for one day, with clean up required. Make sure that it is outside of migratory bird season and the children know that this is a one-day exception to the rule prohibiting model rockets. Require signage on site a week in advance of the event to warn other people who use the park.*

Still working with Dave Anderson about the cottage road egress for canoes and kayaks...

*Question for Scot: Is there any additional parking lot and entrance upkeep scheduled before the winter?*

3. **New Committee Member search:** Brainstormed ways to get the word out about the need for new members. Need a secretary and chairperson beginning January 2019.  
Can we send email blast through Beach and Recreation back pack express about new committee members?  
Ask Zoe to write a Solar array article and mention the need for members in the paper?  
Contact nominating committees of Town political parties. Hasn't yielded best results.  
Ask Tom Banish to write in his column, the need for volunteers.

**Changed next meeting date to November 19, 2018 6pm. It will be held in Room B.**

Moved to adjourn at 6:45pm. Joe Walker moved, Bill Piggott seconded, unanimous approval.