



Board of Park Commissioners

May 18, 2016 6:00PM – **Minutes**

Buttonwood Park Community Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford

MINUTES

A meeting of the Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center, New Bedford, MA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Peter Boswell, Chairman
Elaine Safioleas, Member
Diane Berube, Member
Charles Cotter, Member
David Peixoto, Member

Also Present: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches

Motion to accept the Park Board Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2016.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting by Ms. Berube **SECOND**: Mr. Peixoto.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Request to have the Lunchtime Jazz Series at Custom House Square every Friday July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug 5 & 12, 2016, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. No rain dates.

Invitee: Ms. Dagny Ashley ~ not present

Ms. Berube questioned if there will be a conflict with the Jazz Fest. Mary will check to make sure there is no conflict with the dates.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND**: Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

For the record, Mr. Boswell stated that Ms. Safioleas is here (6:10 PM).

2. Request to have the Whaling City Motorcycle Club 5th Annual Ride supporting Matthew Rodriguez Memorial Fund, on Sat., June 18, 2016 at Wing's Court from 1-6 PM.

Invitee: Mr. Noah Griffith

They have spoken to Mr. Nanopoulos regarding liquor and special events permit.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Request to have Pictures in the Park on Friday, June 24 and July 22, 2016 in Buttonwood Park from 8-10 PM.

Invitee: Ms. Jennifer Gonet

The event will be held just past the basketball courts. A site plan was presented. Mr. Boswell stated that there was a conflict with the July 22nd date. Ms. Gonet is to work out the second date with Ms. Rapoza.

MOTION to receive and place on file the site plans by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

MOTION to approve the June 24th date and to work out a second date with Ms. Rapoza by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Request to have the Light the Bay Regatta Fundraiser Sat. Aug 20, 2016 at Low Tide Yacht Club Ft. Taber from noon to 11:30 PM.

Invitee: Mr. Michel Pietragalla

There will be a pig roast and a ticketed fundraiser dinner for a local artist, Chad Frownfelter. Mr. Boswell stated that it is imperative they reach out Mr. Nanopoulos regarding a liquor permit and the police department regarding details. They will pay the fee for the parking attendant. A \$5000 bond and recycling is requested. Ms. Rapoza will get someone to lock the gate after the event. They will keep Ms. Rapoza updated.

MOTION to approve by Ms. Berube. **SECOND:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Request to have Montigny Wedding Fri, Sept. 30, 2016 in Custom House Square from 3 PM – 6:00 PM. *Invitee: Ms. Justine Pegg ~ not present*

This event is under 75 people and does not require approval.

6. Request to have Hazelwood 5K Saturday, October 15, 2016, at Ft. Taber from 11:00 – 1:00 PM.

Invitee: Mr. Geoffrey Smith

The Hazelwood Race has been in existence for 36 years. Men and women start times will be staggered. A \$2.00 donation from every entry will be given to the Women's Center. It is their 50th Anniversary of women running.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

7. Request to have the Fort Taber 5K at Fort Taber on Saturday, September 3, 2016. and request to use the Fort Taber Community Center.

Invitee: Mr. Geoffrey Smith

The date was changed from August 27, 2016 to Labor Day weekend. Mr. Boswell suggested reserving a parking lot because of Labor Day weekend. Mr. Smith will contact Ms. Rapoza.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
MOTION CARRIES.

8. Request closing of Pope's Island Marine Park parking lot on July 4, 2016 at 4:00 PM for marina patrons.

Invitee: Ms. Penny Raimondo

It will be open to handicapped and tickets/passes will be issued as in the past.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
MOTION CARRIES.

9. Request consideration of community garden boxes at the Brooklawn Park Community center to be tended by COA and Coastline Elderly staff with COA participants.

Invitee: Ms. Christine Sullivan

They were awarded a \$2000 grant from City Works. The garden boxes will be handicap accessible.

MOTION to receive and place on file site plans by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION to approve by Ms. Berube. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
MOTION CARRIES.

10. Request to reserve a grassy area and the date, July 29, 2016, for a family reunion to be held at Fort Taber.

Invitee: Mr. Robert Burgan

They are expecting 35-50 attendees. Mr. Boswell stated that because it was under 75 people, no special event permit is required. He also stated that no liquor could be consumed in the park. There will be a canopy over the food table only. They are reserving the grassy area south of the Community Center and will pay the \$20 fee to reserve the southern most parking lot. Mr. Boswell stated they must recycle and take the trash with them. They will get a field permit to reserve the area.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on the Family Fun Day, organized by Buddy Andrade, to be held at Monte's Park on May 24, 2016. The insurance for him and the bounce house has been turned in. The \$5000 bond and the site/setup plans have not been turned in. Ms. Rapoza will be checking with DPI to see if they have obtained their permit.

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER

1. Request to use signage or banners at the Fort Taber Concession building at Fort Taber.

Invitee: Maria Tremblay

A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of various types of signage to be used at the Fort

Taber Concession building. Mr. Peixoto suggested a sandwich board. Mr. Boswell stated that no signs are allowed on the fences. The Board unanimously agreed that a sign could be put up on the concession building.

Ms. Rapoza will check with DFFM regarding the sign on the building and to see if a small sign can be put up on the guard shack. Ms. Rapoza will tell DFFM that the Board is in support if DFFM approves it.

2. A discussion was held regarding correspondence from Ms. Kristine Arsenault, from the Mayor's office, concerning a request to institute the fee policy beginning July 1, 2016. The Board had previously voted to roll out the new fee policy on January 1, 2017. Ms. Rapoza's concern was that the public has not received notice of the changes. The Board has also told the permit recipients about the change as of January 1, 2017. Ms. Safioleas stated that it would not be fair to have some people paying fees and those that have already booked not pay the fees. Also, Ms. Rapoza stated that the revolving account has not been set up. The Board agreed that there must be a public notice and that there should be input from the public.

MOTION to roll out the new fees on January 1, 2017 by Ms. Berube. **SECOND:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 6:00 PM, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Peixoto **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:58 PM

A true record attests _____

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Safioleas