



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



ANNUAL MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Whaling City Golf Course
581 Hathaway Rd, New Bedford, MA 02740

January 22, 2022

9 A.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 9:30 am

ROLL CALL: Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Diane Berube, Lee Blake

ABSENT: Justin Ohlson

ALSO, PRESENT: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Rec., and Beaches; Bernadette Barreira, Admin Coordinator; Valovia Costa, Asst. Project Manager; David Ponte, Parks and Recreation Manager; Kelley Peterson, Admin Coordinator; Christine Felaccio, Office Assistant III

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Park Board to review First People Land Acknowledgement
Motioned to accept the Land Acknowledgment by Elaine Safioleas, second by Lee Blake, accepted by all. Motion with the addition of "People of the first light" motioned by Elaine Safioleas, second by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
2. Park Board to review Metal Detecting Permits
Abolish Metal Detecting Fee and the permit process motioned by Elaine Safioleas, second by Diane Berube, accepted by all
3. Park Board to vote on Field Permit Rates for 2022
Motion to accept the new rates and timetables for 2022 motioned by Lee Blake, second by Elaine Safioleas, accepted by all
4. Park Board to vote on Beach Parking Rates for 2022
Motion to accept the new rates of parking by Diane Berube, second by Elaine Safioleas, accepted by all. Motion to eliminate all cash transactions at the beaches with the provision to allowed discretion for supervisors to allow access to the beach for cash only customers motioned by Elaine Safioleas, second by Diane Berube, accepted by all

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5. Park Board to vote on Dog Park Fob fees
Motion to accept the request of 2021 501(c)(3) coalition from animals by Diane Berube,
second by Lee Blake, accepted by all. Motion to accept the new rates by Elaine Safioleas,
second by Diane Berube, accepted by all

OLD BUSINESS

REPORTS PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES STAFF

PRB Director review FY23 budget
Director review ARPA Funding

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER Elaine Safioleas motioned to send a letter to city council about supporting the additional staff for parks department and accepting the ARPA money, second by Lee Blake, accepted by all

NEXT MEETING February 23, 2022 @ 6pm Buttonwood Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 11:36, second by Diane Berube and accepted by all

A true record attests
Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette Barreira



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