

# Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on January 28, 2020, 5:00 PM  
at Town Hall

In attendance:

Bathing Beach Trustees - Edward Johnson, Alan Perrault and Chris Daly  
Hingham Farmer's Market – Mark Cullings, Julia Powers, Paula Coughlin  
Board of Selectmen – Joe Fisher

- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
- Review of meeting minutes
  - E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted for the meeting of December 9, 2019. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
  - E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted for the meeting of December 17, 2019. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
- Discussion of Hingham Farmers Market and plans for the 2020 season:
  - The discussion opened with the subject of the market location at the beach for 2020.
  - HFM recently issued a letter to the BBT with HFM's opinions on hours of operation and market location for 2020.
  - HFM prefers to keep the market hours at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
  - The BBT gave their opinions on market location and market times. The consensus was that moving the market to the new parking area north of the new bathhouse and parallel to Route 3A/Otis Street and changing the market hours to 8:00 am to 12:00 pm is the best solution for the users of the beach and also the new concession stand.
  - A. Perrault reiterated that the success of the concession stand is a priority for the BBT as a share of the concessionaire's revenues are returned to the beach and also contributes to the town revenues through the meals tax.
  - M. Cullings stated that the market would not open at 8:00 am even if the closing time was changed to 12:00 pm, HFM would still open at 9:00 am. HFM is not opposed to moving to the new location.
  - J. Fisher addressed the meeting and gave his perspective from a permitting standpoint. Approval for the new bathhouse was predicated on zoning approval and included the stipulation that no functions may take place in the community room at the same time as the Farmers Market on Saturdays. J. Fisher recommended that the market hours remain the same, make the move to the new location and then reassess after the 2020 market season.
  - A discussion was held on the potential needs for a detail officer during market hours.
  - It was commented that the set-up of the rows of market booths in the new location should have gaps of 20 feet between. Parking curb stops will be placed behind many of the booths. The surface will be a pervious material (application to zoning for amendment to previous approval).
  - C. Daly made a motion to support a proposal to the Zoning and Planning boards to move the HFM to the new parking area along Route 3A/Otis Street. E. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

- C. Daly made a motion to support a proposal to the Zoning and Planning boards to maintain the market hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for 2020 with the opportunity to review at the end of 2020. E. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
- The Trustees discussed the application for \$30,000 for harbor planning initiatives to the Community Preservation Committee in conjunction with the Harbor Development Committee. A. Perrault reported that the application was not approved by the CPC. A. Perrault reviewed the objectives of the application for the benefit of J. Fisher.
- Applications for use of the Bathing Beach facilities
  - Battle of Grape Island Day – scheduled for May 8, 2020. Approved for 12:00-4:00 pm.
- C. Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
  - Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.