

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on April 16, 2020, 4:00 PM

via Zoom conference call

In attendance:

Bathing Beach Trustees - Edward Johnson, Alan Perrault and Chris Daly

Hingham Farmer's Market – Mark Cullings

Harbor Development Committee – Bill Reardon

Hingham Police Department – Chief Glenn Olsson

- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
- Approval of meeting minutes
 - E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting. A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously. C. Daly to have the minutes posted to the town website.
- Hingham Farmer's Market layout and location for 2020
 - HFM's meeting with the Zoning Board was continued to May 19th. The Planning Board hearing was continued to May 18th.
 - HFM would like to open the market on May 16th in the main parking lot.
 - The possible closure of the beach due to the Covid-19 pandemic was discussed. It was noted that Nantasket Beach has already been closed.
 - If the beach is closed then HFM recommends roping off the beach so that the parking lot can be used and beach access is prevented.
 - Approval of town officials, including health, zoning and police, will be needed to open the market at the beach.
 - HFM sent a letter to the Board of Health on April 15th about opening the market . No response yet.
 - HFM suggests opening the market with only 15-20 vendors initially.
 - HFM may offer a pre-ordering option.
 - A few Mass. towns have now re-opened their Farmers Markets.
 - HFM would like the BBT to consider suspending the front row beach parking only requirement so that the market could be set up in that row.
 - Chief Olsson asked about a question about the ZBA meeting timing and HFM's hope to open the market May 16th. Chief Olsson also expressed some concern about the proposed new market location and accessibility to the handicapped parking.
 - C. Daly asked that HFM provide a complete and detailed plan from HFM on how they would operate under Covid-19 restrictions. A. Perrault stated that it would be helpful to have details on how other Farmers Markets are operating. M. Cullings advised that for the ones operating they are mostly small winter markets.
 - The Trustees expressed some concerns with starting the market too early during the pandemic.
 - W. Reardon suggested looking at May 23rd as a possible opening day which would be after the ZBA and PB hearings.
 - There may be a site plan meeting in conjunction with the PB and ZBA meeting that would include the HFM, BBT, DPW, Police Chief and Board of Health.

- Update on the new Bathhouse project
 - The lease will be signed next week
 - 45 days to install the kitchen and concession areas depending on construction work regulations under Covid-19.
 - There will be a ZBA hearing to approve minor modifications to the construction plan. A. Perrault to make arrangements with ZBA.
 - W. Reardon asked about the community room opening when the concession business opens.
 - A. Perrault recommended working with the lessee on installation of security cameras. There are grants available for funding the costs.
- C. Daly advised that the Harbormen Helping Hingham Day is canceled due to Covid. This loss of beach clean-up labor will mean more work for DPW.
- There was some loss of beach sand during as high tide in early April. DPW will need to replace before the beach season.
- Applications for use of facilities – none received for review.
- Questions from the public – none received
- E. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Daly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.