

Bare Cove Park Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

In attendance via Zoom: Claudia Eaton, Lauren Murphy, Rik Johnson, Karen Trask, Michael Cioffi, Ray O'Neill

Absent: Ted Matthews, Dewitt Delawter

Guests: Marnie Bacon (yoga in the park program). Julie Christian and James Clark (Bare Cove Almshouse Burial Tombs Preservation Initiative)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

- Reviewed and accepted March 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Ranger's Report - tabled
- Treasurer's Report accepted
 - Expenses - fuel and Lowes. Expected expenses for next month include fuel and Eastern Alarm.
 - All budget items in line with 2 months left in fiscal year for planned expenses/projects.
- Building 80 roof repair
 - Michael previously sent photos showing substantial work needed - entire roof needs to be replaced. Parts of walls need to be repaired as well.
 - Not a safety hazard yet but should be addressed soon. At our expense, can address urgent repairs.
 - Applied for capital budget for roof replacement (budget year 2022-2023)
 - Fire museum steel roof done 11 years ago. Start with a bid from the same company.
 - Michael will look into getting estimates for total replacement.
- CPC Application update
 - Had a recent discussion with Peter Shnorr (chair of rowing team) regarding CPC application and rowing team. Marika Kopp (women's rowing coach) has a background in ecological buildings. Proceed with CPC proposal as a joint effort between BCPC and the rowing team with Marika helping design an ecological boathouse building for the waterfront that would be suitable for rowing team storage as well as for park users.
 - Need to consider ownership of land and building if Marika chairs the effort. Would it be a similar arrangement as Lynch Field?
 - Regarding Dock House Museum artifacts, Scott McMillan personally owns most of them. Next step is to start with an inventory of the items (including ownership) and understand long-term plan for ownership of the artifacts.
 - Location of museum. Option to maintain the museum where it is or reposition closer to the parking lot for accessibility
 - Could negotiate use of building 52, Bare Cove Fire Museum
 - Provide transportation as needed into park? Obtain golf cart and have volunteers shuttle people
 - Museum as a destination versus attraction once in the park
- Memorial bench guidelines - table until next month
 - Considerations: ADA requirements for benches for parks; maintenance and upkeep cost; cap number of benches?
- Signage for the park update
 - Waiting for park logo or can inquire whether Weston Graphics can create it for us
- Discussion regarding permitting fitness programs in the park
 - Have received several requests already for programs this year
 - In past - fundraisers/races in park have gone smoothly
 - What would be requirements for a program to proceed
 - Examples from other towns requirements - identification, safety (CPR/first aid), liability insurance, fee or donation to park and/or non-profit? cannot reserve particular space as park is open to all
 - Need to discuss with the Town Attorney and the Town Administrator is also pursuing the requirements

- Marnie Bacon
 - Proposal for yoga in the park
 - Due to the pandemic, yoga studios have closed and moved online. There is a desire for yoga outdoors.
 - Would design program to give some proceeds back to the park
 - Yoga at the River's Edge (benefits North and South Rivers Watershed Association) can serve as a template
 - Marnie is fully insured, and the insurance covers her wherever she offers classes
 - Sign up would be online. Cap the sign up 12 hours before class. Participants would sign disclaimer form/liability release prior to attending
 - Location - considering area behind the dock house, inlet area separate from the rowing team location
 - 1 class per week. Either Tuesday or Friday morning. Maximum 25 participants. 60 minute class.
 - Will follow up with Marnie after learning more from Town Lawyer and Town Administrator
- Further discussion on projects for the park and 2021 goals
 - Addition of trail signs in the park. Potential Eagle Scout Project?
- Items not anticipated on the Agenda. Public discussion
 - Julie Christian and Jim Clark - Bare Cove Almshouse Burial Tombs Preservation Initiative
 - Have been working with Eileen McCracken, Historical society, Archives in Boston, etc and plan to donate the research to the Town of Hingham.
 - Burial cemetery located within the park, associated with Hingham's Almshouse. They have been tracking names of indigent and charity records. Some tombs are open to the elements.
 - Would like to draw people to the historical context of the park; people unaware that these tombs exist.

ADJOURN 7:56 pm.

Next Meeting: 05/18/2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Lauren Murphy