

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on May 28, 2020, 3:00 PM

via Zoom

In attendance:

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

Hingham Farmer's Market – Mark Cullings, Linda Luke

Department of Public Works – Randy Sylvester

Town Counsel – Susan Murphy

Police Department – Glenn Olsson

Town Engineer – J.R. Frey

Town Planning – Emily Wentworth and Mary Savage-Dunham

Recreation Department – Mark Thorell

Hingham Anchor – Carol Britton-Meyer

- Chairman Perrault called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.
- Approval of meeting minutes:
 - E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting dated 1/2/20, A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
 - E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting dated 3/9/20, A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
 - E. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting dated 3/11/20, A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
- Discussion with Hingham Farmer's Market regarding the proposed layout for the new parking areas under normal, post Covid-19 conditions and having 45 +/- booths. Discussions regarding draft of 2020 MOU, police details, handicap parking space requirements, and other applicable State and local regulations, etc.
 - HFM is proposing one single entrance at the south end of the parking area.
 - There will be handicap access. HFM will place cones in the handicapped parking spots close to the parking area and will remove the cones and escort in a car when needed, with a handicapped parking permit. There are also two handicapped parking spots next to the community room.
 - HFM will have the entrance over the bridge only for pedestrian access, handicapped parking and deliveries to The Beach House business.
 - Police detail requirements were discussed.
 - HFM to update site plan and submit to Planning/Zoning today.
 - MOU review:
 - Town Counsel's review and update of the MOU was very helpful.
 - HFM will continue reviewing the draft but generally it looks to be acceptable.
 - The annual fee will need to be reviewed and determined based on a date when HFM returns to the Bathing Beach.
- Beach operations 2020
 - The Health Dept has recommended that the guidance from the State on use of beaches during the pandemic be reviewed and applied to the Bathing Beach. Any questions should be directed to Susan Sarni.

- M. Thorell advised that lifeguard applications have been received and interviews completed. They are ready to make job offers but with no commitments on scheduling due to Covid. Offer letters will go out to seven lifeguards to start.
- M. Thorell expressed concern about lifeguards being tasked with enforcing state Covid regulations. G. Olsson advised that HPD would occasionally patrol the beach. Lifeguards can gently remind beach users to social distance and can call HPD if there is not compliance.
- A. Perrault recommended placement of signs reminding beach users of social distancing requirements. BBT to check with DPW on placement of signs at beach walkway entrances.
- E. Johnson advised that there is \$3235 in the wages account and the guards can start during the last week of June. The Recreation Dept. needs to monitor the wages expenditures during the summer.
- The opening of the beach for the summer season was discussed:
 - Open the bathrooms? Is social distancing possible in the current bathhouse? Professional disinfecting of the bathrooms?
 - The town has established a Re-Opening Committee of town employees. Opening of the beach should be part of their discussions.
 - G. Olsson advised that there is government funding for Covid related costs and the town is monitoring how to access the funds.
 - Swim lines are scheduled to be put in the water the last week of June.
 - Additional “No lifeguard” signs may need to be installed at the beach.
 - Swim lessons – Rec. Dept. has no confirmation that they could even take place.
- Update on the new bathhouse
 - A. Perrault gave an update on the site work.
 - Handicapped ramps are being installed in the next two weeks. We could have the Certificate of Occupancy soon thereafter.
 - The concessionaire is expect to sign the lease agreement this week. He will have 75 days to complete the installation of the kitchen and restaurant infrastructure.
 - Sealcoating and stripping of the parking lot is still planned.
 - A. Perrault provided an update on recent and scheduled Planning and Zoning Boards votes and decisions.
- Applications for use of facilities
 - Hingham resident and USC film student’s application has been approved but due to Covid he is planning to film at the beach on July 18, 2020. He is in touch with HPD.
- E. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, C. Daly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
 - Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.