

Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach

Minutes for the meeting held on June 9, 2020, 3:00 PM

via Zoom

In attendance:

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

Eat Well, Inc. – Greg Acera

Harbor Development Committee – Bill Reardon

Recreation Department – Mark Thorell and Mike Benard

Town Engineer – J.R. Frey

DPW – Randy Sylvester

Hingham Current – Greg Lane

- 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 6/3/20, A. Perrault seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
- Beach operations 2020 and Covid-19 implications
 - E. Johnson provided an update on required cleaning procedures under Phase 2 of the state requirements. Concerns were expressed with the ability to meet the requirements in the current bathhouse.
 - Discussion of portable restrooms as a solution. The costs could be reimbursed by the State. C. Daly reviewed the options available and costs for rental. Regular to meet the requirements could be an issue. R. Sylvester advised that DPW may be able to recommend some industrial cleaning options.
 - The Rec. Dept. has issued offer letters to six lifeguards. A discussion was held on the social distancing requirements at the beach. HPD will patrol and lifeguards can call HPD if social distancing is not being conducted.
- Update on the new bathhouse
 - A. Perrault gave an update on the budget for the project. The project is on budget.
 - J.R. Frey provided an update on the site work which will be completed in 1-2 weeks and then planning to repave the parking lot. Curb stops have been placed in the new parking area and hydroseeding of the area around the new bathhouse will be done in the near future.
 - C. Daly to contact Town Hall about senior work program to pay taxes and utilize for watering of grass seed.
 - The potential need for inside and outside security cameras was discussed. G. Acera provided information on the various options for security cameras. There are town funds available to pay for the installation and connection to the Harbormaster's security camera system could be enabled. The deadline to apply for the town funds for security camera cost is only three weeks away so we will have to move quickly.
 - E. Johnson made a motion to authorize Greg Acera to secure a quote for security camera installation. C. Daly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

- A sign board at the entrance to the beach is planned with listings for the beach, food concession and community room.
 - Under the lease terms the concessionaire is to open for business by August 15th. G. Acera advised that their hope is to open prior to this date.
- 3A Task Force update
 - A. Perrault provided an update on the 3A Task Force and their recent meetings. The project is scheduled for 2025 but there is a chance it could be moved up to 2024.
 - W. Reardon provided an update on Pressley Associates' landscaping plans and proposals for the project. Pressley will focus only on the areas close to the road. Handicapped ramps are being installed in the next two weeks. We could have the Certificate of Occupancy soon thereafter.
- Hingham Farmers Market
 - A. Perrault advised that the Planning Board supports the movement of the market to the new parking area, under normal (non-Covid) circumstances. The next step is Zoning Board approval, next week.
 - Discussion was held on potential movement of the market back to beach under Covid 19. Concerns with a potential drive through market at the beach were expressed.
- Applications for use of facilities
 - None received
- 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 4:07 PM.