

Parks & Recreation Minutes 07/21/17

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Present for the Park & Recreation Committee and attending the meeting were: Andy Goldman, Chairman, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Jane Slater, Jim Malkin and Chuck Hodgkinson. Julie Flanders did not attend.

The meeting came to order at 8:02 AM.

Public Hearing: Mr. Goldman opened the public hearing at 8:03 AM to receive comment on the proposed amendment to the Menemsha Bulkhead Rules & Regulations. Mr. Goldman read the legal notice for the record and read the proposed amendment to point # 7 of the Bulkhead Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Board of Selectmen on April 4, 2017. Mr. Carroll read his email dated 7/17 explaining his opposition to the amendment as written and proposed an alternative amendment.

There was much discussion on the value of keeping the fishing shacks in good repair; the use of public money to repair town assets that are leased to support private businesses and the feasibility of asking fishermen to invest in shack repairs when they only have a one-year lease. The Committee also agreed that the privately-owned fishing shacks on Boathouse Road are not within the Park & Recreation Committee's jurisdiction. With no public comment a motion was made to close the hearing at 8:25 PM. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Mr. Goldman asked if there are any additional comments among the Committee members. Everyone seemed to be talked out.

Having fully vetted the proposed amendment and the alternative presented by Mr. Carroll it was unanimously agreed to not amend point # 7 and leave it as written and approved.

Lot 1 A: John Armstrong fishing shack applications: The Committee discussed each of the four applications submitted from Scott McDowell, Wes Brighton, Tim Broderick and Jesse Burton. All agreed each application was very thorough and carefully prepared. It was agreed to invite all four applicants for a 15-minute interview with each on August 17 or when they are available.

The timing for selecting the recipient was discussed and all felt it could be done before the next regular meeting on September 21. Mr. Goldman agreed to meet with John Armstrong to arrive at a mutually agreeable date to have Mr. Armstrong's gear removed from the shack.

2017 Lot Leases: Chuck H. updated the Committee and said all 2017 leases and payments have been received except Stanley's. Mr. Carroll said he would follow up on this.

Lease applications for calendar year 2018: The Committee reviewed the proposed timeline and agreed the lease applications should be mailed on September 13 and due to town hall no later than October 12.

Time will be reserved for topics the Chair did not reasonably anticipate. Mr. Goldman said he spoke with Kevin Oliver who said there are some products for sale in Menemsha that may be competing with the Menemsha Market's inventory. He added that Mr. Oliver realizes the lists of products were approved in December 2016 when the Menemsha Market was not planned to open as a grocery store this season.

The Committee agreed to make site visits as a group to all the bulkhead lots on Friday, July 28 @ 9:30 am. All will meet at the Harbormaster's shack.

Administration:

The June 8, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented by consensus.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Hodgkinson, CAS

