

**Town of Cape Elizabeth  
Fort Williams Advisory Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2006**

**Revision:** First draft, 5/19/06.

**Present:** Ellen Nadeau (Chair), Tina Harnden, Maureen McCarthy, Jim Rowe,  
Dan Chase (Secretary).

**Absent:** Steve Parkhurst, Chuck Wilson.

**Staff:** Bob Malley.

**Guests:** Ed Shaw, representing T Mobil.

**Called to Order:** 7:18 PM in the Public Works Building conference room.

**Approval of April 13, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the 04/13/06 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Cellular Tower Proposal Update – Ed Shaw**

Since the last meeting, Ed and Bob met at the park to look at possible locations for a cellular tower in the area near the old officer's quarters. Ed presented options to erect flagpole-style cellular towers in the far left-field corner of the Little League ball field, and in the open field on the other side of the woods from the ball field. The Commission reviewed the mocked-up photographs presented, and discussed the proposals with Ed and Bob.

The Commission felt these locations were more acceptable than the previous location near the fire station, but had many unanswered questions. Principal among these were the possible ramifications of approving a tower without the capacity to provide service to all cellular carriers, and whether the zoning of the Southern Reserve would allow a tower. Ellen will contact Maureen O'Meara to see if additional information is available from records of previous tower applications. The issue was tabled to the next meeting.

**“Pay & Display” Committee Meeting Report**

Ellen and Tina gave a brief summary of the progress of the committee to date. Among the issues decided: CE residents will not be charged for parking; groups renting facilities will be charged; tenants will not be charged; school groups will not be charged during the school year, but will be during the summer; and six meters will be installed. Among the issues not decided so far: charges for tour buses and trolleys; and enforcement issues. The committee hopes to be able to decide the remaining issues at one more meeting. This would be followed by a public hearing, and an up-or-down vote by the Town Council.

**Pedestrian Path Widening Proposal – B2B Committee**

The Commission received a request from the Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race Committee to widen the pedestrian path in the area of Battery Garesche for a distance of about 400 yards. This would allow the runners more room, and create better access for the race medical team.

The Commission discussed the issue with Bob. It was moved by Jim that the Commission agree to the  
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request, with stipulations. The motion failed for lack of a second. The consensus was that the Commission preferred to maintain the pedestrian nature of the path. Bob will contact the B2B Committee and work with them to see if landscaping changes could meet their goals.

### **Use Request: “Battle of the Bands” Concert – Sunday June 4, 2006 – CEHS Student**

The Commission received a request from Ali Donahue proposing a “battle of the bands” concert to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF). She is working with seven other students and Abbie Ross of the CFF. This would be the students Senior Transition Project.

The Commission had many concerns including: the late date of the application, the lack of the opportunity for the Town Council to approve the project; the lack of a meeting with the students; the lack of detail about the event; and the burden it would put on Town forces.

It was moved by Dan, and seconded by Maureen that the Commission conditionally approve the request, but that a meeting be set up between the students, Tina, Maureen, and Bob to discuss details. Tina and Maureen are to have the authority to reject the request based on the outcome of the meeting. The motion passed with 4 in favor, and 1 abstention.

### **Budget & Park Projects Update**

Bob Malley noted:

the picnic shelter re-roofing is proceeding very slowly. It was to have been done by the end of April, but is now impacting renters. The date of completion is uncertain.

The contractor is being unresponsive in installing the last bricks around the playground.

### **Joint Meeting with the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation**

The joint meeting was canceled because Joel Russ had to be out of town. Ellen will contact Joel to see if the Commission could attend one of the Foundation's meetings.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 PM.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Chase, Secretary