

**Town of Cape Elizabeth
Fort Williams Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2006**

Revision: First draft 9/29/06.

Present: Ellen Nadeau (Chair), Tina Harden, Maureen McCarthy, Steve Parkhurst, Jim Rowe, Chuck Wilson, Dan Chase (Secretary).

Absent:

Staff: Bob Malley.

Guests: None

Called to Order: 7:20 PM in the Public Works Building conference room by Ellen Nadeau.

Approval of July 20, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 07/20/06 meeting were approved as submitted.

Fort Williams Charitable Foundation Meeting - Postponed

Ellen talked to Joel Russ of the Foundation. Joel has been very busy personally, and also said the Foundation is not in a position to do much right now. Ellen will contact Joel again to propose a joint meeting at our regular meeting in November, after the parking fee referendum.

Discussion of formulating a Bench Program

Since new bench locations and pricing are being proposed for the Cliff Walk extension, the Commission needs to summarize the proposal in a memo to approved by the Town Council. Ellen will meet with Bob to discuss the requirements in more detail, draft the memo, and send it out for review prior to submittal.

Comments regarding referendum for Fees

Ellen will talk to Mike McGovern to see if it is appropriate for the Commission to write a letter or article for the Cape Courier. The piece would focus on the Park needs and projected costs, and make the point that the costs will have to be paid from fees or taxes. No favor would be shown for or against the referendum.

Park Project Update

Bob Malley noted:

- As budgeted, some windows on the second floor of the Park headquarters building were replaced.
- The Park is still staying green. Mowing is continuing.
- Increased usage of the Park is noted when cruise ships are in port.
- There has been more than usual use of the Park after dark. There has been a great deal of bottle breakage and some vandalism. The Commission requested that Bob contact the police department to discuss the possibility of more patrolling effort. Ellen will also contact the police department.

Park Project Update (cont.)

- Mike Tacasch and helpers cleaned more than 6 tons of material out of the pond as an Eagle Scout project.
- There will be a kids x-country run in the Park on October 4.
- The art show was rained out on Sunday and was held on Labor Day instead. This was the last large event for the year.

New Business

The Commission had a general discussion about possibilities for rehabilitating the bleachers.

As yet, there has been no proposal submitted for the cellular tower.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 19th, at 7:15 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Chase, Secretary