

**Town of Cape Elizabeth
Fort Williams Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2006**

Revision: First draft 10/25/06.

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

Absent: None

Staff: Bob Malley.

Guests: None

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

Approval of September 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 09/21/06 meeting were approved as submitted.

Follow-up on Bench Program

Ellen has submitted a memo to Mike McGovern outlining the Commission's recommendations for new park benches along the extension of the Cliff Walk. This will be taken up at the 11/13 Town Council meeting. It is recommended that any Commission members who can attend the meeting should do so.

Follow-up on Referendum Discussions

Ellen has contacted Laurie Jensen to discuss the issues Laurie raised via email with regards to the institution of parking fees and other concerns.

Ellen has contacted Mike McGovern to ask if the Commission could place an article or letter outlining the needs of the Park in the Cape Courier. Mike feels it is better if the Commission just keeps a low profile during the parking fee referendum.

The Commission had a general discussion about whether the citizens of the Town have enough factual information to make an informed choice at the referendum. Ellen will contact Mary Ann Lynch to ask if she will resubmit a previously published item which emphasizes the needs of the Park.

Review topics to discuss with FWCF

Ellen will contact Joel Russ after the referendum and invite the Charitable Foundation to meet with us and discuss future activities. If the Foundation feels it needs some time to get organized around the results of the referendum, Ellen will try to ascertain a date when the Commission should get back in touch with the Foundation, so we can move forward.

New Business

Tina heard back from the Cape Elizabeth Historical Society that Wayne Brooking is the person whom should be contacted to discuss the Goddard structure. The Commission held a general discussion about the issue. Several members wish for more information about the feeling of the wider population of the Town as to what should be done with the structure. It is continuing to deteriorate and if any effort is going to be made to stop the deterioration, it should be done ASAP.

Park Project Update

Bob Malley noted:

- Some new landscaping trees and shrubs were planted in various locations around the central parking lot.
- The Park is still staying green, but grass mowing is finally slowing down.
- Substantial increased usage of the Park is noted when cruise ships are in port. An extra ranger has to be added at these times.
- Advertisements have appeared in local papers for a Haunted Lighthouse Tour at Portland Headlight, but the Town has not been contacted about it. Bob called and put them on notice that, in the future, advance notification and permission is required for activities such as this, and that fees might apply.
- Two photos shoots were done in the Park, bringing in fees of \$1000 each.
- The police may have arrested the person responsible for graffiti in the Park. The late night usage and vandalism has disappeared with the coming of early darkness and colder weather.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 16th, at 7:15 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Chase, Secretary