

Town of Cape Elizabeth

Fort Williams Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2014

Present:

Bill Brownell (Chair), Don Head, Bill Nickerson, Lise Pratt, Terry Ann Scriven, Mark Russell

Absent: Chris Corbett

Also present:

Bob Ayotte (FWF)

Staff:

Bob Malley

Call to order: Chair Bill Brownell called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the March 20 meeting were approved unanimously.

Request by Bruce Gibbs to apply Pickleball markings to upper tennis court:

Bruce Gibbs explained to the Commission the game of Pickleball and its growing popularity. The game is similar to tennis but the court is substantially smaller. Two Pickleball courts can be marked in the space of one tennis court. The net is portable to be set up for play and then removed. The commission unanimously approved allowing line markers to be taped on the upper tennis court this year and, if there are no issues requiring further review, painted next year when tennis lines are scheduled to be repainted.

FWF report:

Bob Ayotte reported that the Garden Tour on June 28 will include eleven gardens. Nearly all have sponsors, and there are a number of corporate sponsors for the event. Programs, posters, etc., will include the Foundation's new logo.

There will be a targeted Spring fund-raising appeal.

The Lighthouse View construction contract has been awarded to New England Landscapes. Groundbreaking will be April 28 with the contract calling for completion of the project in sixty days.

Park and project update:

Bob Malley reported that the Wheatley Road/Powers Road project should begin next week if asphalt plants are able to open. The project should take 3-4 weeks overlapping with Lighthouse View construction. Park rangers are now active in the park and will be able to explain the construction to visitors.

As of April 1, 88% of projected fiscal year revenues have been booked.

Trimming of tree canopies has been underway near the playground and below the picnic shelter.

Smoking prohibition update:

The new ordinance banning tobacco and e-cigarettes will take effect May 14. Signage will be placed at the park entrance and in parking areas. Policing will initially be handled by rangers unless there are incidents that require police attention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 15, at **7:00PM** at the Public Works Facility, and we will be joined by representatives of the Board of the Fort Williams Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Head, Secretary