

TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH
FORT WILLIAMS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes: April 16, 2015

Present:

Terry Ann Scriven, Joe Kozlowski, Suzanne McGinn, Chris Corbett, Chris Straw, Mark Russell, Bob Ayotte, James McCain, John Mitchell and Bob Malley

In Lise's absence, Terry Ann called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes for the 3/12 and 3/19 FWAC meetings were reviewed and approved and minutes for the FWAC Bleacher Subcommittee workshop at 8:30 AM on 4/10/2015 were also approved.

Bob Ayotte gave a lengthy presentation including a foundation update and a short review and history of the Children's Garden project. A new member, Andie Mahoney was elected to the foundation board bringing membership to a full complement of 15. A development assistant was also hired. James McCain updated work at the park and specifically the Children's Garden site. He has lined up several large groups to assist in spring clean-up. Terry Ann suggested reaching out to FWAC to coordinate efforts. Bob commented on the "Night at the Light" included tickets going on sale 5/1, attempts to line up to 20 overall sponsors and a goal to raise \$25,000 for the Children's Garden. James outlined site of Children's Garden with handouts and drawings. Questions regarding water, power and maintenance, restrooms/ toilet facilities were discussed.

The Bleacher Subcommittee developed ideas looking to a 400-600 seat facility taking an amphitheater form. Materials, topography, irrigation and integration with the Council Circle area were discussed. A storage facility, handicap accessibility and restrooms were also brought up. The softball field was also discussed. John Mitchell offered that his preference was to granite risers as to precast, which would cost ½ as much. He said that irrigation is a valid concern where grass would be a part of the project. John preferred the Plan B orientation from previous discussions.

At 8:30 the commission gave further consideration to capital project priorities. Pedestrian walkways, restroom/ composting toilets, eco landscaping and the pond area were of primary importance. Safety along the walkways was discussed and suggestion to allocate \$\$ each year for these projects. Location of toilets near Children's Garden and tennis courts was discussed. There is opportunity to team with the Foundation and James in particular to assist in landscaping around preapproved projects.

Bob Malley updated commission on activities in the park. Spring clean-up continues, sweeping, fence repair are on schedule. Gift Shop opens 4/26. Bids were opened for fence repair on Cliff Walk (\$6594.) with work to be completed by mid-June.

Chris Straw will work on submitting comments to the Cape Courier.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Russell