

Town of Cape Elizabeth

Fort Williams Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Sept., 22, 2015

Present: Terry Ann Scriven, Chris Straw, Suzanne McGinn, Mark Russell, Joe Kozlowski, Jim Walsh and staff member Bob Malley.

Terry Ann called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Approval of the 8/20/15 minutes on 5-0 vote

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FWPF Update

From a report to FWAC: Fundraising goal for Children's Garden is within reach. As a result of recent success, pre-construction planning for the garden is currently under way w/ contracts expected to be in place by Nov.1 with construction to begin in spring. A contract with Bill Bayreuther to assist in submission of grant proposals for the Cliff Walk landscape project has been entered into. The 6th Annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Sat., July 16, 2016. There are several organizations scheduled to conduct work days in the park in October.

Bleacher Project Phase II

Comments from commission members re: event planner presentation at previous meeting ranged from "informative but early in the process.", not all "potential concerns from neighborhood" were answered, "a dialog with police Chief Williams will be helpful in future discussions." were voiced. Consensus was that planner discussion was beneficial and thanks went out to Peter McFarland and Imogenne Altnauer.

Develop process for Public Outreach, Review and Comment

Terry Ann handed out letter/ proposal from Critical Insights to begin discussion about next step in Bleacher project. A Terry Ann motion to solicit a second proposal passed on a 5-0 vote. Joe K will approach Market Decisions for a potential response. Questions regarding overall project timing, "pay and display", future donations, the overall need without a large event calendar, the amphitheater design itself, the neighborhood impact, and the need for toilet facilities were discussed and were suggested as inclusions in any survey. Suzanne will be gatherer of other idea of questions for future survey. Jim W will approach teacher Mr. Jordan about his class and additional survey opportunities. Chris S will draft potential Cape Currier article for review at our 10/15 meeting. Bob Malley mentioned that Jon Mitchell has concerns re: use of granite blocks from Ship Cove and their viability of use with regard to their condition, size and cost of recovery and what it will mean to overall project budget

List for Fort Volunteer Projects

Two projects were mentioned: 1) Removal of invasive plants along Delano park boundary 2) removal of graffiti on park buildings.

Pickle Ball / Tennis

Bob Malley said suggestion box feedback would be available at 10/15 meeting. Jim Walsh suggested that pickle ball /tennis issue should be pushed to town council in overall review of town recreation facilities. A motion was passed 5-0 to ask council to review use of all town courts and to help meet demand from all users of facilities.

Park Update

Bob Malley said the swings project was completed at \$13,000 under budget. The Cliff Walk railings will be installed in the spring. The Sept.10th Trooper event was relatively calm and they proved to be good stewards of the park. The Lucy Fund 5k was canceled. The Strides Breast cancer Walk will be held on 10/18. Please note the fountain being used in the pond.

Citizen Comment

Kathleen Pierce, Deborah Cavanaugh, Elaine Maloney and Susan Steinman attended meeting to comment on tennis / pickle ball court usage. Their brief comments mentioned incompatibility of two sports and their concern that the trial period for usage by both groups was coming to a close.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:05

Next meeting October 15, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Russell