

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Monthly Commission Meeting
January 8, 2016

In attendance were: Paul Maxwell, Scott Zimmerman, Mary Pat Nardino, Mike Ciotti, Shane Kokoruda, Scot Erskine Director, Bill Piggott – Salt Meadow Park Committee, Ted Rahmann- Bauer Park Committee, Joe Oslander – Rockland Committee, Tom Banisch – BOS Liaison, Virginia Raff – Greenway Trail

Called to order by P. Maxwell at 7:35am

I. Approval of Minutes dated December 4, 2015

Motion made by Zimmerman to approve minutes.

Seconded by Kokoruda

All in Favor

II. Election of Officers

Maxwell nominated for Chair by Ciotti, Second by Kokoruda – Motion to close nominations – Zimmerman Second by Nardino Motion carried. All voted in favor Maxwell as Chairman.

Nardino nominated for Vice Chair by Maxwell, Second by Zimmerman – Motion carried

Kokoruda nominated for Secretary by Maxwell, Second by Nardino – Motion carried.

III. Chairman's Report – Correspondence - None

IV. Section Reports

A. Bauer Park

- Several Scout Projects completed – Garden Markers and Woodland Trail head signs, Classroom sign – Patrick Gazda
- Garden Markers and Wood Duck Boxes – Ben Gazda
- Grounds staff has cleared East Field of underbrush and trees for field reclamation and possible dog park.

B. Rockland Preserve

- 50K run held in October – donation received of \$1,154 for trail maintenance
- Trail work done for singletrack by David Okamoto
- Rocklandia map being developed by Jason Englehart showing trail connections to Guilford and Durham all on same map.

C. Salt Meadow Park Report

- Still awaiting sign proof. Mike Ott is working on it
- Committee has expressed frustration with movement and overall mission of committee.
- Meeting on 1/11 at 6:30pm – Town Hall hoping to set clearer goals for members.

D. Greenway Trail Report

- Covered Bridget to be built utilizing reclaimed materials from Rettich property now owned by the Madison Land Trust.
- Trail between Lovers Lane and Scotland Ave. being worked on with engineering firm and M. Ott.

E. Strong Field Report

- Zimmerman expressed that the project is still incomplete and re-emphasized that the Selectman need to figure out the remaining funding should the STEAP Grant not materialize. Commission will attend a future meeting of BOS to express this matter and urge that it be funded to completion.
- Kokoruda expressed safety on Strong with the end Zone nets and the need for them to be in place first thing in the Spring and Fall prior to the main seasons starting.
- Maxwell brought up the safety issue with Golf balls coming on to the field and into the stands. This will be a standing topic on agenda until a solution can be found and resolved. Erskine suggested the Banisch discuss with former First Selectman McPherson as he was going to be talking with legal counsel prior to his departure from office.

F. Facilities/Grounds Report

- Erskine reported that the Surf Club furnace failed during the week between Christmas and New Years and a new unit had to be ordered. Building is completely drained of water and out of service until the new furnace is installed. Jazzercise has had to be re-located to Memorial Hall for the duration.

G. Programs

- Ski bus full – two busses. Anticipated start is the 12th.

H. Personnel

- No report

V. Old Business

- Road race/walks that utilize town streets need to first obtain permission from the Town's Traffic Authority before we act on a facility request from this point forward. Letter will be forthcoming from the Chief Drumm and Sgt, Race.

VI. New Business

- Budget workshop – Tuesday, 1/12 at 2:30pm.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kokoruda.
Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL