

**Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee
Meeting
January 11, 2016
Town Campus Room D
6:30 PM**

In attendance were: Alicia Sullivan, Joe Walker, Bill Piggott, Shane Kokoruda, Pat Melady, Al Goldberg, Scot Erskine, Mike Ott

Member of the public: Bill McCullough

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

Discussed:

1. Meeting minutes approval:
August 24 meeting notes, Bill made Motion to Approve, Joe seconded, unanimous approval
October 24, 2015 meeting notes, Joe made Motion to Approve, Shane seconded, unanimous approval
2. Discussion on changing ordinance regarding alternates to committee
Joe made Motion to make recommendation to expand the committee to include two alternates. Pat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Mary Pat said that she has been asked to provide the Beach and Recreation Commission with a report regarding the activities of the Salt Meadow Committee and whether the committee will be able to accomplish its objectives.

Sentiment expressed that the committee hopes that with the current vacancies filled with new members, it will be able to accomplish its objectives. Decision made to make sure that Town Committees are seeking new members to add to the committee. Three currently needed.

3. State land transfer
Process for decision: Finish Remediation on park, should be done in February. Once that is complete we will know if there are unspent funds from the EPA grant. Determine the extent of work that the DEEP will require on that land and whether the grant will cover that expense.
State requires a survey, which has been completed and a Natural Resource Inventory which will be completed in the spring.
When state has reviewed survey and inventory and determined need for environmental work on the land then Board of Selectmen will be able to make decision whether to accept the land. Should have all information by the early summer.
Other issues are neighbors that drive on that land and permanent encroachments.
4. Outreach

Beach and Rec Commission is thinking about outreach for all committees. New town website in a few weeks. Send items for Scot to post.
Greenup Cleanup day scheduled town wide for April 23. Committee should consider activities for that day.

Item tabled for next Agenda.

5. Sign Update: drawings sent to the sign company. Should receive revised quote soon and sign will be put up in the spring.
6. Updates: Management Committee
Turf management is big issue:
Decision made to make plans to bring in experts on turf management, state regulations and options for management organically. Invite to presentation: Board of Selectmen, other Commissions and public, including Conservation, Beach and Recreation, Fields Committee, Wetlands, Planning and Zoning
Alicia to consult with Mike and Scot on possible experts.

Scot and Mike have plan to rework the current problem spots in the park so there will be some disruption of use in some areas in the spring.
7. Other: Outreach- Pam Myer expressed interest in having students participate in creation of interpretive signage at park. Mike to give Alicia contact information.

Meeting times: Decision made to change meeting time on Second Mondays to 6pm. All agreed.

Motion to Adjourn made by Joe Walker, Seconded by Shane Kokoruda, unanimous approval.

Action items:

1. Identify new members to nominate to committee and contact Town Committees re: same
2. Alicia to write letter to Board of Selectmen requesting change in ordinance re: alternate members
3. Consider activities for Greenup/Cleanup day
4. Alicia to compile list of turf experts in consultation with Town Staff. Committee members to send suggestions as well.
5. Change official meeting schedule to reflect 6:00 PM start time.