

**Madison Beach and Recreation Department  
Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee  
Monthly Meeting  
April 11, 2016  
Town Campus Room D  
6:00 PM**

**In attendance were:** Alicia Sullivan, Bill McCullough, Pat Melady, Joe Walker, Mary Pat Nardino, Al Goldberg, Mike Ott

**Absent Committee Member:** Bill Piggott, Warren Hartmann

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

**Discussed:**

1. Meeting minutes of March 14, 2016. Joe Walker made motion to approve without changes, Bill McCullough seconded, unanimous approval, Joe abstained from vote.
2. Signs:  
Signs were ordered, entrance sign proof just arrived. Need final colors, one was missing. Mike will follow up. Expect sign to be delivered some time in May.  
Bill McCullough will help organize sign unveiling event. Need to coordinate with Scot.
3. History of Salt Meadow: Bill McCullough discussed the importance of the history of the park. Important to indicate significance at kiosk and in concession building once we have one: archeological artifacts have been found there, airport significance, coastal forest – proposal to name the forest for Bob Schumann, who made substantial contributions toward making the park become a reality.

Joe proposed naming forest after Bob Schumann. Al informed the committee that the Selectmen would be receptive to a proposal to assigning names to the park. Committee should propose naming opportunities.

Building: It is important to make sur that the building fits the natural character of the park. The Town's Capital budget may not be providing enough to make that happen.

Joe and Bill will work on information to put on a sign at the park regarding the history.

4. Outreach:  
Park Appreciation Day:  
Need a member to coordinate. Tours, natural area, engage Audubon  
  
Sports Leagues:  
We should make presentations to the Fields Advisory Committee to educate residents about the park. Joe will take the lead.  
Also should send a mailer to parent in each league.  
Joe and Alicia to work on message.
5. Madison Youth Lacrosse proposal to donate temporary netting:  
Shane Kokoruda attended to discuss the donation of netting between Field 1 and parking lot  
It is a safety concern for people in the parking lot and for kids running after lacrosse balls.

Season runs from April to June.

Motion to approve temporary backstop net for the 2016 season at the between Field 1 and parking lot with requirement that the Lacrosse League be responsible for putting nets up and taking them down at end of season and storing them.

Motion made by Joe Walker; seconded by Bill McCullough; approved unanimously.

6. Turf Management Forum:  
Call Jason Henderson and Bill Dest directly.  
Alicia to meet with Mike and Scot about it.
7. Other:  
Management Plan for Park:  
Overall cleanup needed:  
Brush removal  
Debris in wetland  
Paint kiosk  
Trail maintenance  
Border of coastal grass land needs realigning  
Need landscaping attention, including entrance island

Motion to recommend that Al, Mike and committee member discuss immediate management and maintenance needs for park with Scot and Tom Banisch. Also set up longer term plan for management and maintenance.

Motion made by Alicia Sullivan, Seconded by Joe Walker, unanimously approved.

Request management ideas and areas that need attention by email.

Motion to Adjourn made by Joe Walker, seconded by Pat Melady, unanimous approval.

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. Historical information about park – Joe and Bill M. to draft information or sign.
2. Management plan meeting
3. Turf Management – Alicia to talk with Scot
4. Outreach message – Alicia and Joe to work on message
5. Sign Unveiling – Bill to coordinate with Scot