

**Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2016
Salt Meadow Park
6:00 PM**

In attendance were: Alicia Sullivan, Bill McCullough, Warren Hartmann, Bill Piggott, Joe Walker, Scot Erskine, Mike Ott, Al Goldberg, Pat Melady

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Discussed:

1. Approval of June 13, 2016 minutes, Joe Motion to approve with change:
“In maintenance area turf needs to be dug up, soil replaced and reseeded at some expense.”
Bill seconded, unanimous approval.
2. Sign update: sign will be delivered July 15 or 18. Installation will happen next week.
Small signs should go up right away as well.

Comment from public: need sign at park. Also, concern that grass isn't mowed.

We should try to educate the public about warm season grasses.

Put an article about the grasses in the paper. Sign at park.

Letter to Editor.

“Coastal grass habitat in progress”,

Dave Roach or Anne Penniman can serve as experts on the grasses.

3. Park Management and Maintenance.
Draft management plan being written.
4. Capital Improvement Planning Process proposals:
17-18 FY first round of meetings July 21.
Advocate for funding.
Building proposal will be put in this year's CIP process. Idea to have concession purveyor help pay for building by paying up front for contract over years.
Could also raise money privately for the building as well.
\$300,000 for building with additional \$30,000
CIP also includes \$15,000 in FY18 for Boat launch and \$300,000.
Request for 17-18, for Restroom/storage \$25,000

Committee members should attend CIP meetings with Scot. He will tell us when the meetings are.
Then attend BOS and BOF regarding CIP.

August 3 and August 31, morning meetings. Bill Piggott will attend the meeting on August 3.

Additional Parking lot, don't put in CIP. Can make it with material that Town owns. Relatively flat.

5. Park Appreciation Days

August 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm Park Entrance Dedication

Submit press release, Bill Piggott and Bill McCullough and Joe will help with press. Send to The Source, Patch, and Rita

Post on July 26.

Bill McCullough will forward to politicians.

Press deadline: Tuesday morning at 9 am for next Thursday Source

September MIST tournament – 17 and 18. Have park education effort.

October 1, 2016 Park Appreciation Day.

Audubon society.

6. Comments regarding the park

Would like the amphitheatre to be used. Need the restrooms to be built to enable.

Some people have used picnic area. But it will be used more when the kayak launch is in etc.

Kayak launch status – need to fund. Can't do it halfway due to tides.

Need to advocate for funding for the park and management. Common set of expectations about how we take care of the park. We need to make sure that Scot has the resources to carry out the management. BOS needs to understand what that is. Should be part of the town's budgeting process. Example of how tax payer owned properties need to be cared for. Hasn't been done in an orderly fashion. Pay attention to maintenance process and allocate required resources.

Draft management plan should be drafted by staff, reviewed by this committee then Beach and Rec then BOS.

Suggestion by Joe for August Agenda:

1. Event planning
2. Maintenance and Management

Motion to adjourn: Bill P. moved to adjourn. Warren second, unanimous vote. Adjourned at 7:20

Cancel August 8 meeting and Schedule meeting for August 15 at 6:00 pm.