



**Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Notes
September 12, 2016**

Present: Joe Walker, Bill Piggott, Bill McCullough, Warren Hartmann, Alicia Sullivan, Mary Pat Nardino, Mike Ott

Absent: Pat Melady, Philip Mainiero, Al Goldberg, Scot Erskine

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. Welcome New Member and Introductions – why was Philip named alternate when we still have one full member position open? Joe agreed to check and see if that was intentional
2. Maintenance and Management – we got a response to draft request from Scot re maintenance
 - a. Cons area markers in, parking signs are done, machine on order for fields, funds for interpretive signs – need content and narrative. Yale, help with management plan. Maybe Wesleyan for assistance. Bob Schumann as an Alumni and foundation leader may help there.
 - b. Sept 22 workshop on organic turf mgt. (Scot will attend)
 - c. October 1 event? Not able to schedule an event so soon. Look to doing in the spring.
 - d. Mosquito control at park? contact Dave Roach – approved, relatively safe, no side-effect, reach out to the experts Resources to manage mosquitos naturally? Bat boxes? May also want to inquire at DEEP. Wetland Habitat and Mosquito Management Division (WHAM) on Mill Road
3. Budget and CIP (updates will be forthcoming, as process unfolds Nov. 9)
 - a. Operational budget submission in December. Jan starts workshops and hearings
4. Outreach – Oct 1st events, no Mist coverage
 - a. Work on a regular presence with Soccer League Jamboree
 - b. We still need materials – Joe and Alicia
 - c. Coastal Forest Naming and other naming opportunities; Bob Schumann background – work on proposal for Naming to recommend to Board of Selectmen
5. Other business
 - a. Press coverage of signage, Alicia's letter

b. Acceptance of route 1 land

Environmental work is complete, which alleviates concern. Adds to our open space in town, which is a good thing. Issue may be with neighbors encroaching and driving over land. Only remedy will likely be a fence.

Good that park will be expanding.

Joe Walker made a *Motion to Recommend that the Board of Selectmen accept Route 1 lands, upon consideration of the additional expenses of management of the Route 1 lands that will be incurred, including possible fencing along border and along street if necessary to deal with encroachment issues.*

Bill Piggott seconded the motion, Unanimously approved.

6. Bill Piggott made Motion to Adjourn, Joe Walker seconded the motion, Unanimous approval.

Adjourned 7:08 PM.

Next monthly meeting **October 11, 2016**

Action Items:

- Alicia to write letter to Board of Selectmen regarding acceptance of Route 1 lands.
- Joe and Alicia to work on outreach materials and signage for park.
- Mike to review Management plan.
- Draft proposal to Board of Selectmen regarding Naming of areas of the park.
- Contact Yale and Wesleyan regarding management plan/resource inventory
- Contact Dave Roach and DEEP re: mosquitoes