



Madison Beach and Recreation Department Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes January 9, 2017

Present: Mary Pat Nardino, Al Goldberg, Warren Hartmann, Bill Piggott, Bill McCullough, Alicia Sullivan, Joe Walker

Absent: Scot Erskine, Pat Melady, Philip Mainiero, Mike Ott

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. Welcome:

*Email Phil about attendance. Does he still want to be on the committee?

2. Minutes Approval:

October 11, 2016 Motion to approve Bill McCullough, seconded by Joe Walker, Unanimous vote

November 14, 2016 Motion to approve Warren Hartmann, seconded by Joe Walker, Unanimous vote

3. Meeting Schedule:

Joe Walker Moved to approve Schedule, Warren Hartmann 2nd, Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Maintenance and Management

Concern for ongoing management budget for the park. Work with Scot and develop an implementation budget for the management plan to ensure that the Town has resources to manage the park.

Bill suggested creating an independent financial source for management dollars by fundraising from individuals who supported the acquisition of the park.

*Ask Mike to review the Management Plan. Need to have it voted on soon and forward to Beach and Recreation and Board of Selectmen to inform budget.

Committee should advocate for maintenance of the park and funds from Town officials. Operating budget deliberations begin in early February, Al will let us know the schedule.

Scot had emailed that debris on West side of entrance, dumping by adjacent landowners.

*Request that the Selectmen send notice to landowners to cease the activity. Encroachment is ongoing issue.

Alicia to email Board of Selectmen.

5. Outreach

Sign and history. Joe and Alicia work on informational sign for kiosk and outreach plan.

6. Other business. Naming Policy.

Add “one or more of”, “including but not limited to”, and other grammatical suggestions.

Motion to accept Draft Naming Policy by Bill Piggott, seconded by Joe Walker.

Discussion:

Concern over extensive naming discussions would bog down the committee. If that becomes a problem, we’ll revisit.

Naming policy follows appropriate channels.

Motion to approve draft of Salt Meadow Park Naming Policy as amended and to submit to Beach and Recreation Commission for action and acceptance to then forward to Board of Selectmen for final approval.

Vote to approve is unanimous.

Committee noted that it would like the Beach and Recreation Commission and Board of Selectmen to consider and approve this policy promptly as a stand-alone policy to serve only Salt Meadow Park. If the town were to pursue a broader naming policy, requests should be made to consider this one first then fold it into any town-wide policy, once adopted in the future.

Moved to Adjourn Joe Walker, Seconded Bill Piggott, unanimous approval. 6:57

Next monthly meeting **February 13, 2017**



Salt Meadow Park Naming Policy

Town of Madison, Connecticut

I. PURPOSE

To establish a uniform policy regarding requests for the naming of the areas, facilities, structures and features of Salt Meadow Park, that are compatible with the purposes of the park, the community interest and will enhance the conservation, education and recreation values of the Park.

II. GENERAL

A. This policy shall establish the guidelines, criteria and process for naming or renaming of areas, facilities, structures and features of Salt Meadow Park.

B. The Board of Selectmen shall have the final authority for naming.

C. Under extraordinary circumstances that would cast a negative image upon the Town, any naming in honor of an individual, family or group may be revoked at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

D. The names of individuals or corporations or groups involved in controversial enterprises or activities, such as those that would be detrimental to the mission or image of the Town of Madison should be avoided.

E. The donation of land, facilities, or funds for the acquisition, renovation or maintenance of land or facilities, shall not constitute an obligation by the Town to name the land and/or facility or any portion thereof after an individual, family or organization.

III. NAMING CRITERIA

A. Naming shall begin as early in the development and/or acquisition as possible.

B. Names should be appropriate to the park by reflecting the native wildlife, history, flora, fauna, geographic area, or natural geologic features, when possible.

C. Areas that can be recognized include, but are not limited to: Points of entry, walkways, trails, rooms within any buildings or structures, recreational facilities such as picnic areas, structures such as benches or overlooks, or physical and natural features, such as the coastal forest.

D. Names can be from significant historical events, cultural attributes, a local landmark or for a historical figure.

E. Commemorative names honoring individuals or families should be based on one or more of the following criteria:

- made lasting and significant contributions to the protection of natural or cultural resources of the Park or the Town of Madison;
- made substantial contributions to the betterment of Salt Meadow Park;
- made substantial contributions to the advancement of recreational opportunities for the citizens of the Town of Madison;
- had a positive impact on the lives of Madison's residents; or
- has volunteered for ten (10) or more years of service to the community.

IV. NAMING PROCEDURE

A. A request shall be submitted in writing to the Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee;

B. The applicant shall be able to provide clear evidence that the individual to be honored has made a significant contribution to Salt Meadow Park, natural resource conservation and/or the quality of life in the Madison community.

C. The request will be reviewed for completeness based upon the naming criteria by the Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee. All requests will be given the same consideration without regard to the nomination source.

D. The Salt Meadow Park Advisory Committee shall vote upon the naming designation and forward the matter to the Beach and Recreation Commission for review.

E. The Beach and Recreation Commission shall promptly vote upon the request and if positive, will forward the request to the Board of Selectmen for final review and approval.

F. The request shall then be placed on the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen for action.