

Beach & Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: May 4, 2021

Meeting Place: Zoom

Members present: Rob Card, Mary Pat Nardino, Shane Kokoruda, Pamela Greene

Members not present:

Others present: Scot Erskine (Beach & Rec Director), First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Austin Hall (Senior Center Director).

Call to Order: The meeting started at 7:00pm.

Approval of minutes: Pam motioned to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes and MP seconded. All members present were in favor. There was an amendment that needed to be added. Under Old business, it should state that the increase in prices has not happened since 2007.

Public comment: First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons discussed having several meetings with DEEP to talk about Hammonasset and some of the issues. A lot of the discussion was about the summer due to COVID and the capacity at the beach. They discussed being more proactive during this summer season and talked about what can be done differently. She discussed possibly having staffing at the gates on the weekends. There was a discussion about possible ideas for transit and getting people to the beach, like the train station and busing people to the beach.

Chair's comments: Rob thanked Pam and Vince for their work in preparing some discussion points for the commission to talk about and discuss.

Director's report: Scot mentioned that this week he has the Salt Meadow Pavilion restroom bid opening. He talked about getting the Steep Grant for the Bauer Park Walkway.

Old business: There was a discussion before the motion was made.

Motion: Effective per BOS approval that effective immediately;

1. Non residents may purchase beach parking passes at the Surf Club on the day of their visit for \$25 (weekdays) or \$40 (weekends/holidays).
2. Non resident passes are limited to the first 75 on any given day

New business: There was a discussion about the policies for sales of daily beach parking passes.

Motion to recommend the following policies for the sale of daily beach parking passes to non-residents beginning with the 2021 beach season in Madison:

- **Fees:** Rates for non-resident daily beach parking passes will be set at \$25 on weekdays Mon-Thurs, and \$40 on weekends Fri-Sat-Sun and holidays.
- **Effective:** Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day (May 29-September 6, 2021) during regularly established gate hours.
- **Limits:** Non-resident daily beach parking passes will be limited on weekend days (Fri-Sat-Sun) and holidays (Memorial Day/July 4<sup>th</sup>/Labor Day) to 15% of total beach parking spaces.
- **Availability:** Beach parking will be granted on a first come, first serve basis at all Town beaches; non-residents are limited to a maximum of 15% of total beach parking spaces on weekend days (Fri-Sat-Sun) and holidays, but are not guaranteed that number of spaces should Madison residents arrive and park first.
- **Sale:** Non-resident daily beach parking passes will be available for purchase at the Surf Club office location only; purchase to be at the time of intended use (no advance purchase).

Public comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristen Panzo