

Lamoine Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2018 (Final Draft – subject to correction)

Park Commission Chairman Cathi Goebel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at Marlboro Beach Park. At 10:45 am the meeting moved to the Lamoine Town Hall.

Present: Parks Commission members Cathi Goebel, Doug Jones, Jeff Cosulich, Maggie Andros, Bob Ehlers and Georgiana Pulver (alternate).

Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting were approved as written. Georgiana proposed and Doug seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

Business

1) Marlboro Beach Park: A lengthy discussion was held on-site at Marlboro Beach with interested members of the public concerning the future of the park.

The location of the granite memorial bench being donated by the Norris family was discussed with Jim Norris. With his concurrence it was decided to locate the bench at the current location of the dog waste station. The bench will be installed by Dunn Memorials in early June. The dog waste station will be moved closer to the entrance to the park and a garbage can will be installed next to it. Cathi will coordinate with Stu Marckoon and Rick Gallegos regarding placement of these.

Cathi noted that the town selectmen had indicated an interest in having an entrance sign for the park. It was decided that a sign located immediately by the entrance would be appropriate. Cathi will talk to the selectmen about what they want for a sign and will get a cost estimate.

Jim Norris stated that he felt a closed circuit TV camera linked directly to the town hall should be installed to monitor the area. Doug noted that this was not feasible since the park has no electricity, cable or telephone service at or near it. Cathi stated that the commission already has a trail camera mounted at Bloomfield Park and the same could be done here if it's determined that there is a problem at the park.

Bob observed that the long-term storage of small boats and canoes by at the park may pose a problem. The commission decided to look at this issue at a future meeting.

Other topics brought forth for discussion were the need to maintain traditional access to the area, the desire by some of the park neighbors not to make any changes to the park at all, the need to limit erosion which might include the construction of a permanent boat launch and the need to protect the sea grass area at the back of the park. With the exception of the sea grass issue, the commission decided to table discussion on these other issues until the commission has more

experience with the expanded park. It was decided by the commission to continue maintaining the ropes and stakes currently taken care of by Jim Norris to prevent vehicle driving on the areas of sea grass.

Iris Simon of the Frenchman's Bay Conservancy detailed her organization's plans to conduct a celebration of the park's expansion on Saturday, June 23rd at 2 pm (rain date is Sunday, June 24th at 2 pm). The celebration will be a family event and include a clamming demonstration, a scavenger hunt and possibly live music. The need for a special use permit for this event was discussed. Doug observed that since this celebration is directly related to the park, it should be sponsored by the commission. This would eliminate the need for a permit. Doug made a motion for the commission to sponsor the event. Cathi seconded the motion. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

2) Proposed Pinkham Park Status: Cathi and Jeff noted that there is nothing to report on the proposed park. The land transfer is currently in the hands of the lawyers.

3) Bloomfield Park: The commission agreed to set Saturday, May 5th as the clean-up day at Bloomfield Park. The clean-up will run from 9 am to 11 am. Cathi and Maggie will coordinate this with the local Girl Scout troop that will be participating.

Jeff stated that the trail camera needs to be reset to take photos less frequently. Jeff & Cathi will work with Rick to do this on the May 5th clean-up day,

4) Bloomfield Park Conservation Commission Event: Jeff explained that the conservation commission will be hosting a talk on water quality in ponds on Saturday, September 8th, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the park. The Lamoine Historical Society will also be presenting a history of ice harvesting at the pond.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission will be on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall.

There being no further business, Doug proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to adjourn. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Jones
Secretary, Lamoine Parks Commission