



Board of Park Commissioners

February 26, 2014 – **Minutes**

Buttonwood Community Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford

A meeting of the Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Buttonwood Park Community Center, New Bedford, MA.

Present: Peter Boswell, Chairman
Elaine Safioleas, Secretary
Diane Berube, Member
Charles Cotter, Member
David Peixoto, Member

Also Present: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation & Beaches

CALLED TO ORDER

1. Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

At this time Mr. Boswell recognized and congratulated newly elected City Councilor of Ward 5, Kerry Winterson, Ward 2 City Councilor Steven Martin, and Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Beaches, and Recreation.

MOTION to accept the minutes from the January 28, 2014 meeting by Mr. Peixoto. **SECONDED:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

NEW BUSINESS – APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

2. **MOTION** by Mr. Peixoto to take #14 on the agenda out of order. **SECONDED:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Presentation of plan to place a new temporary structure at Pope's Island [#14].

Invitee: Ms. Janice Foley, Mr. Christopher Wise

A discussion regarding the placement of a temporary structure at Pope's Island was carried out. Mr. Boswell informed Ms. Foley and Mr. Wise that the administration has asked for an overview of what the New Bedford Rowing Club wants. They have not gone before the building department yet. Diagrams were disseminated to Board members. Mr. Boswell is concerned that there are too many questions that need answering and all i's must be dotted and t's crossed. He also suggested that Mary Rapoza be kept up to date.

MOTION by Mr. Peixoto, to table until all questions can be answered, with the Board agreeing to meet in open session before the March meeting, if necessary.

Seconded: Mr. Cotter **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Request permission to have the Farmers' Market at Brooklawn Park, June through October.

Invitee: Mr. Karl Glosi, Jr., Pocasset Orchards

A discussion was carried out regarding the farmers obtaining insurance as a group, rather than individually. Mary stated that the opportunity to obtain cheaper insurance, a bond, might attract more farmers.

MOTION to approve by Ms. Safioleas. **SECONDED:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Request permission to have the Open Water Challenge at Fort Taber Park on Saturday, June 7, 2014
Invitee: Ms. Nancy Anderson, Buzzards Bay Rowing Club

MOTION to approve by Mr. Cotter. **SECONDED:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

6. Request permission to have a 9/11 Victims and Veterans Memorial and Fair at Fort Taber Park on September 11, 2014 through September 13, 2014.
Invitee: Mr. Cecil Hickman and Mr. Anthony Tarby Richards, Dog Tag Navigators

Mr. Hickman gave an overview of the planned program and gave the Board a copy.

MOTION to receive and place on record by Mr. Peixoto. **SECONDED:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

At this time, Mr. Boswell stated that more information was needed.

MOTION by Ms. Safioleas to reserve the dates, September 11 through September 13, 2014, pending receipt of more detailed information and appropriate permits. **Seconded:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

7. Request permission to have the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride at Ft. Taber Park on October 5, 2014.
Invitee: Storey Duff

MOTION to approve by Ms. Diane Berube. **SECONDED:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

8. Request permission to have Pet Fest at buttonwood Park on May 18, 2014.
Invitees: Mr., Emanuel Maciel, Director of Animal Control

Motion to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **Seconded:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

9. Request for permission to have the Walk on Aids at Fort Taber Park on June 21, 2014.
INVITEE: Mr. Jim Coutinho, Walk on Aids, Laura Brodal, Down to Earth

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **Seconded:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

At this time, Mr. Boswell read a letter, from Councilor Joseph Lopes, in support of the following agenda items: [3] Open Water Challenge at Ft. Taber Park on June 7, 2014; [4] 9/11 Victims and Veterans Memorial and Fair at Ft. Taber Park on Sept.. 11-13, 2014; [5] Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride at Ft. Taber Park on Oct. 5, 2014; [7] Walk on Aids at Ft. Taber on June 21, 2014; [12] Latino

Beach Festival of New Bedford at Fort Taber Park on Aug. 9-10, 2014; [13] Review of concessionaire agreement for Fort Taber/Fort Rodman Historical Association.

10. Request permission to put two or three handicap-accessible picnic tables at Buttonwood Park Playground.

Invitee: Mr. Corey Pittsley

After discussion, Mr. Boswell suggested that Mr. Pittsley sit down with Ms. Rapoza to discuss location in order to determine size and number needed. Mr. Pittsley is to return with final design of table.

MOTION to table by Mr. Cotter. **Seconded:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

11. Request permission to have the Pursuit for Courage Regatta at Marine Park on June 28, 2014.

Invitee: Mr. Jeff Costa, Pursuit for Courage

MOTION to approve and work around structure if it develops by Mr. Peixoto. **Seconded:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

MOTION to receive and place on file, Mr. Costa's architectural drawing, by Mr. Peixoto. **SECONDED:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

12. Request permission to have the Whaling City Festival at Buttonwood Park on July 11-13, 2014.

Invitee: Mr. Allen Richard, Sr., Whaling City Festival

A discussion regarding lining the fields, inspections, and set up and break down times was carried out. Mr. Richard stated that the committee is seeking permission to stay open until 10:00 PM. They lose money by not being allowed to stay open later. Mr. Boswell will give Chief Provencher Mr. Richard's information so they can have a discussion in hopes that a 9:00 PM compromise can be agreed to. Mr. Cotter lives in the neighborhood, on Buttonwood St. He wants to go on record in favor of a 9:00 PM closing.

MOTION by Mr. Cotter to table until the March meeting. **Seconded:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

13. Request permission to have the Holy Family Holy Name walkathon at Buttonwood Park on May 23, 2014.

Invitee: Mr. Keith Hope, Holy Family Holy Name

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **Seconded:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

14. Request permission to have the Latino Beach Festival of New Bedford at Fort Taber Park on August 9 & 10, 2014.

Invitee: Ms. Mariangeli Vargas

MOTION by Ms. Safioleas to table until next month so Ms. Vargas can return and provide the Board with more specific information and a map depicting setup of the carnival. **Seconded:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

15. Review of concessionaire agreement for Fort Taber/Fort Rodman Historical Association.

Invitee: Not Present

MOTION to table by Mr. Peixoto. **Seconded:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

16. Request permission to remove a tree from the area of the Buttonwood Park basketball court.
Invitee: Mr. Richard Leary, Friends of Buttonwood Park

MOTION by Mr. Cotter to approve and place on file. **Seconded:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

17. Special event (not on agenda) Request permission to hold Man Up Recovery Event (Non-denominational ecumenical service) at Fort Taber on May 17, 2014.
Invitees: Mr. Ryan Hughes, Mr. Thomas Burns, Narcotics Anonymous

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **Seconded:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

18. Abutters Notification

Motion to receive and place on file by Mr. Peixoto. **Seconded:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

OTHER

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

16. The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 6:00 PM, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

17. **MOTION** to adjourn by Ms. Safioleas. **SECONDED:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:40 PM

A true record attests _____

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Safioleas