



## ***Board of Park Commissioners***

May 14, 2014 – **Minutes**

Buttonwood Community Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Councilor Kerry Winterson, Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation & Beaches. and Susan Medeiros, Admin. Specialist, Parks, Recreation, and Beaches.

**MOTION to take #25, communication from Kerry Winterson, out of order by Mr. Peixoto. SECOND: Mr. Cotter. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES. (See #25.)**

1. Motion to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2014 Park Board Meeting.

**MOTION** to accept the minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting by Mr. Cotter.

**SECOND: Mr. Peixoto. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**At this time Mr. Boswell took up Old Business.**

### **NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS**

2. Request permission to have a wedding ceremony at Fort Taber on August 16, 2014.

*Invitee: Cynthia Sequence & Jerald Gretchen - Not present*

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

**MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Request permission to have the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Eye Open at Buttonwood Park on July 19, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Jennifer De Barros, Jamilyn Geordon, Mr. Darrel Staley, and Mr. Alex Carr*

At this time, Br. Boswell asked if 3<sup>rd</sup> Eye planned on putting linoleum down on the basketball court for the basketball tournament. He also stated that the speakers should be turned away from neighbors and music should be softer as it gets later. No cars are to be parked on the grass. The event hours will be from 8:00 AM until 7:45 PM.

**MOTION** to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND: Ms. Safioleas.**

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Request permission to hold the 9/11 Victims and Veterans Memorial Fair at Fort Taber on September 11-13, 2014.

*Invitee: Mr. Cecil Hickman, VFW Post Service Officer*

Mr. Boswell stated that if a tent or activities are set up on a lawn or beach, event organizers are required to get a \$5000.00 bond and an event permit. It is the Board's responsibility to make sure that all citizens get the bond and the Board may increase that amount if they feel the event warrants larger amount. At this point, Mr. Boswell stated that he should have spoken to Mr. Richard of the Whaling City Festival. Mr. Boswell stated that he would get in touch with him. Mr. Hickman must talk to Mary Rapoza regarding security guards. It was reiterated that garbage must be disposed of every night. They will be using the one breakout room. Food cannot be prepared in the facility. Trash must be removed each night.

**MOTION** to approve by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Request permission to uncover another historic path at Brooklawn Park & do ledge plantings.

*Invitee: Mr. Carl Simmons*

**MOTION** to receive and place on file the improvement program and photos by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION** to approve the uncovering of another path by Mr..Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION** to approve ledge plantings by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

6. Request permission to have the Southeastern MA Walk to Cure Diabetes at Buttonwood Park on October 18, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Jenny Reis – Not present*

Ms. Rapoza stated that Ms. Reis could not make it and wants to be put on the next agenda.

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

7. Request permission to use a metal detector at City beaches.

*Invitee: Ms. Dorothy Vieira*

Mr. Boswell stated that he had already spoken to Ms. Rapoza about setting up a metal detector permit system for a fee. The time at the beaches will be determined.

**MOTION** to allow a \$10.00 permit fee to be made and distributed by the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches and for persons requesting to use metal detectors at parks or beaches by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION** to take # 17 OUT OF ORDER (SEE # 17) by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

8. Request permission to have the “God Belongs in My City” event at Buttonwood Park on August 16, 2014.

*Invitee: Edwin Cartagena, The Potter’s House Church & Rev. David Lima*

Set up will be from noon until 6:00 PM. Breakdown will be done by 8:00 PM. Information tables will be set up and only water will be served. Mr. Bosworth told them that they need to get a \$5000.00

bond.

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

9. Request permission to hold Field Day at Fort Taber on June 18, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Kim M. Marshall, Thomas R. Rodman Elementary School*

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

10. Request permission to have the Fishermen’s Tribute 5k Road Race/Walk at Fort Taber Park on June 20, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Sandra Silveirinha – Not present*

Mr. Peixoto suggested we do an email vote if necessary and Mr. Boswell and the Board agreed.

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

11. Request permission to have the HOPE Collaborative & NB Housing Authority Family Affair Day at Fort Taber Park on August 29, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Esperanza Aljandro-Berube*

Ms. Aljandro-Berube explained the essence of the Family Fun Day. While they have insurance under the city, they must get the \$5000.00 bond.

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

12. Request permission to have the Light the Bay Regatta at Fort Taber Park on July 19, 2014.

*Invitee: Mr. Edward Lobo*

Mr. Lobo stated that they are expecting 60 to 80 people. Setup will be at 10:00 AM. The event starts at 12:00 PM and ends at 4:00 PM. They are applying for an alcohol permit. Mr. Boswell stated that they still need a \$5000.00 bond even though they have insurance. The cost of the bond is about \$150.00.

**MOTION** to approve contingent upon any outstanding paperwork and liquor permit by Mr. Peixoto. At this point Ms. Safioleas asked to add to the motion that alcohol is served pending approval of a liquor permit. Mr. Cotter asked who was serving the liquor. Mr. Lobo stated the Alcohol Board suggested several companies that provide licensed bartenders. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

13. Request permission to have the North Atlantic Shark Tournament at Pope's Island on July 17, 2014 through July 20, 2014.

*Invitee: Mr. Frank Duff*

About 150 people and 40 boats are expected. They are applying for both liquor and entertainment permits. He stated they have insurance, will provide port-o-johns, and take trash out every night. They need proof of insurance and the \$5000.00 bond.

**MOTION** to approve pending approval of permits by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

14. Request permission to have ATA Celebration of Independence Festival on July 5, 2014.

*Invitee: Mr. Tiny Tavares*

Mr. Tavares is to go to DPI regarding electricity and extra barrels at Hazelwood and Monte Parks. He is to see Capt. Cordeiro regarding police details. According to Mr. Tavares notes, the city has waived the \$5000.00 bond. The Board does not require the bond because nothing will be set up at Hazelwood Park..

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

15. Request permission to have the Neighborhood Working Group / Flower Power Project at Monte Park on June 7, 2014.

*Invitee: Mr. Tiny Tavares*

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

16. Request permission to have the New Bedford YMCA 5k Walk/Run at Buttonwood Park on June 29, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Tara Pacheco – Not present*

**MOTION** to table by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

17. Request permission to have the National Night Out at Riverside Park on August 5, 2014.

*Invitee: Councilor Henry Bousquet*

They are going to ask for a waiver of the \$5000.00 bond. Mr. Bousquet said they work with PACA.

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

18. Request permission to have a lantern release at Fort Taber Park.

*Invitee: Ms. Joselyn Feliciano*

Ms. Feliciano said they are expecting about 60 people. A tree cannot be planted because it is a federal park. Mr. Peixoto suggested a butterfly release. Mr. Boswell stated that because the number of people expected is under 75 no permit or bond is required.

**No vote was taken.**

19. Review of park guidelines for use.

*Invitee: Ms. Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks & Recreation*

Mayor Mitchell requested that Mary come up with Welcome Signs, which include rules/regulations/prohibited activities, like those in New York. Add no smoking, no use of metal detectors without permit and no skateboarding, except in designated areas. Eliminate sleeping.

**MOTION** to approve Ms. Rapoza's signs after making the above mentioned changes by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

20. Review of beach parking rates for 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks & Recreation*

Residents		Non-resident	
Day	\$1.00	Day	\$15.00
Season	\$5.00	Season	\$50.00

**MOTION** to approve the beach parking rates for 2014 by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED**

21. Review of bicycling issue at Buttonwood Park.

*Invitee: Ms. Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks & Recreation*

Mr. Boswell stated that this is not our problem. They are bicycle paths.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

*Invitee: Ms. Mariangeli Vargas – Not present.*

Mr. Boswell stated that instead of just giving her a flat out denial, we should give Ms. Rapoza a chance to get in touch with Ms. Vargas.

**MOTION** to table until the next meeting by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

23. Discussion regarding the Whaling City Festival set-up & neighborhood concerns.

*Invitee: Mr. Allen Richard*

Mr. Richard stated that they did not have the entertainment list yet, nor a finalized budget. Vendors are still coming in. They have hired a cleaning company to come in and pick up trash along with the sheriff's department and volunteers. Mr. Richard also said that they are expanding the cleaning to the Dartmouth side of the park and outskirts. Saturday and Sunday they will be lining the field. Finelli needs to come in on Tuesday in order to be ready for inspection. It will affect the one diamond on the south side of the street near Hawthorn. They will be out by mid afternoon Monday. Mr. Richard said they were going to keep the police detail one half hour after

closing. Ms. Safioleas reminded him that one of the stipulations was that the police detail be kept one hour after closing.

**MOTION** to approve the setup after 12:00 PM on Tuesday by Mr. Peixoto.

**SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED**

24. Discussion regarding erecting a structure at Pope's Island.

*Invitee: Jonathan Schawrtz*

Mr. Schwartz gave a presentation of the semi-permanent structure. Mr. Boswell questioned the frontage. Mr. Schwartz stated that it was 56 feet from the water. It was reduced by half. The building is East/West, which is what the Board had asked. There is no boat storage,

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

25. Written Motion, Councilor Winterson regarding a Memorial Stone at Harrington Playground.

The monument is a memorial for deceased New Bedford Youth, Passing of New Bedford Youth. There is a new location for the monument.

**MOTION** to table until the next meeting by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

26. Written Motion, Councilor Gomes, requesting set-up for Finelli Travelling Amusement Park for the Whaling City Festival.

**MOTION** to receive and place on file by Mr. Cotter.

**SECOND:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

### **OTHER**

27. Request permission to have the Second Annual Whaling City Motor Club's Charity Ride from Fort Taber to the Poor Farm Tavern on May 25, 2012, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

*Invitee: Mr. Craig Ribeiro*

**MOTION** to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

28. Request permission to put up Pet Waste Signs with the No Dogs within 100 feet / \$50.00 Fine Signs in public parks. Manny Maciel said these signs are always torn down.

At this time a discussion was held and it was stated that the Pet Waste Signs would be the same size as the No Dogs within 100 Feet signs. The red signs would be the same size as the green signs.

**MOTION** to approve the signs by Mr. Peixoto.

**SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 6:00 PM, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:59 PM.**

A true record attests \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Safioleas