



# *Board of Park Commissioners*

October 15, 2014 – **Minutes**

Buttonwood Park Community Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford

A meeting of the park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2015 at the Buttonwood Park Community Center, New Bedford, MA.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches; David Alves, Councilor-At-Large

**Motion** to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2014 Park Board Meeting. (Rescheduled September Meeting)

**MOTION** to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting, with the date correction, by Mr. Cotter.

**SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

1. **MOTION** to take numbers six (6) and nine (9) out of order by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

Discussion regarding permitting of the Waldron Barracks.

**Invitees:** *Ms. Mary Rapoza, Director Parks/Recreation, Mr. David Alves, Councilor-At-large, Mr. Cecil Hickman, Dog Tag Navigators, David Antunes*

Mr. Alves gave a history of the Waldron Barracks and stated that it was built for use by World War I Veterans. He discussed concerns regarding the heating system and roof leakage. Mr. Alves is working with Attorney Espinola regarding funding sources and a charter for use of the building. Mr. Alves stated that he considers it an insult that the Veterans have been asked to put up a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy. Mr. Boswell said that because we just found out the Waldron Barracks falls under the parameters of the Park Board, we should wait and see how the solicitors feel about the situation, Mr. Boswell, as Chairman of the Board, does not want either he or the Board to stand in the way of any Veterans' organization or building.

**MOTION** to acknowledge Councilor Alves' involvement with the administration and the Veterans regarding Waldron Barracks by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION** to table the matter until we receive more proper instruction from the solicitors and administration Regarding proprietorship by Ms. Berube. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Hickman commented on the fact that they want a place where Veterans can speak about the issues they are having. The Dog Tag Navigators service forty Veterans' families every month. They want a place that is

private. A discussion followed regarding the members of the Veterans' Council. Mr. Boswell stated that the Board is in no position to make a ruling until we hear from the solicitors. Mr. Hickman wanted to go on record that the Dog Tag Navigators are a part of the Veterans' Council and he agrees with everything that Councilor Alves said, especially when it comes to the insurance.

2. Request permission to have the "Light the Bay" Regatta at Fort Taber on July 25, 2015.

**Invitee: Mr. Edward Lobo - Not Present**

Mr. Boswell stated that the Low Tide Yacht Club's license has not been renewed. According to Ms. Rapoza, the license is being worked out. Mr. Boswell and Ms. Rapoza attended a meeting with Nicholas Nanopoulos, Director of the Licensing Board. Mr. Boswell stated that it was brought to the attention of Mr. Nanopoulos that the Low Tide Yacht Club has held activities serving alcohol at Fort Taber this summer. He stated that the alcohol requirements must be enforced. Mr. Boswell said that it is imperative that the Low Tide Yacht Club send a representative to next month's meeting. The club must apply for their liquor license by May 4, 2015.

**MOTION** to table and to send a certified letter to the Low Tide Yacht Club stating that a representative must attend the meeting in November regarding renewal of their license and the permit for the Light the Bay Regatta at Fort Taber by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND: Ms. Berube. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

3. Request permission to have the "Sun of a Beach" Festival at Fort Taber Park on July 18, 2015

**Invitee: Ms. Kristen Pacheco, Town square Media WBSM/Fun 107**

Request permission to have the annual food drive, Cans Across the Park, at Buttonwood Park, on November 22, 2014, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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

Mr. Boswell stated that last year there were no incidents and parking was not a problem. A discussion was held regarding Sun of a Beach Festival. Ms. Pacheco showed the Board the map of Fort Taber, demonstrating the change of fencing placement. Officer Josh Fernandes spoke on the fencing and keeping attendees in the area. Ms. Pacheco questioned whether DPI could take care of the electrical this year. Mr. Boswell told her it was her responsibility.

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

**MOTION** to approve pending receipt of a special event permit by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND: Mr. Cotter. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Request permission to have the "WWII Living History Camp & Demonstrations" at Fort Taber Park on June 27 & 28, 2015.

**Invitee: Mr. Joseph Langlois - Not Present**

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

5. Request permission to have the "Police Union Circus, Carnival & Car Show" at Buttonwood Park on July 7-12, 2015.

**Invitee: Mr. Joshua Fernandes**

A discussion was held regarding the circus/car show. Mr. Fernandes will give us an update on the events at December's meeting.

**MOTION** to reserve the dates July 7-13, 2015, for the New Bedford Police Union Circus/Carnival/Car Show and table until next month by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND: Ms. Berube. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

6. Request permission to have a wedding ceremony in the fort at Fort Taber on June 26, 2015.

**Invitees: Ms. Courtney Pereira & Tyler Berg**

Ms. Rapoza stated they lived in California. They are planning on attending either the November or December meeting.

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

7. Discussion regarding permit renewal for the Young Marines.

**Invitee: Mr. Christian Gomes**

Ms. Rapoza stated that seventy percent of the kids must reside in New Bedford. A discussion was held regarding the time kids enter the building and prior damage to a door. Mr. Boswell stated that if any damage is done, please let us know right away.

**MOTION** to renew their permit by Ms. Berube. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request permission to have a rehearsal dinner at Custom House Square on August 21, 2015, from 3:00PM to 9:30 PM.

**Invitees: Ms. Carrie Petri and Mr. Chris Meatto – Not Present**

Ms. Rapoza stated that they live in New York.

**MOTION** to table until next month's meeting by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Discussion regarding food trucks at Fort Taber.

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

Ms. Rapoza stated that Mrs. Tremblay should attend the meeting to discuss the food truck issue.

**MOTION** was made at this time to send a certified letter to Mrs. Tremblay to discuss the food truck issue and a certified letter to Mr. Langlois regarding the WWII Living History Camp by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence from Councilor Winterson expressing his support of number four (4) on the agenda.

**MOTION** to receive and place on file by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Correspondence from Councilor Lopes expressing his support of numbers one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), seven (7), and eight (8) on the agenda.

**MOTION** to receive and place on file by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

## **OTHER**

Ms. Rapoza updated the Board regarding the Park Board Rules and Regulations. Judge Lloyd Macdonald will update and rewrite the rules and regulations making sure they are not contrary to law. Mr. Boswell and one other Board member will review the revised rules and regulations before they are given to the full Board for approval.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 6:00 PM, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:57 PM.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Safioleas  
Secretary