



Board of Park Commissioners

October 21, 2015 6:00PM – **Minutes**

Buttonwood Park Community Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm October 21, 2015. Motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Park Board Meeting were approved by Mr. Cotter seconded by Mr. Peixoto.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches; Shawnie Reynolds, Clerk/Typist; Kristine Arsenault, Assistant Chief of Staff.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Request to have the Annual WWII Living History Camp & Demonstration at Fort Taber on Saturday June 25, 2016.

Invitee: Mr. Joseph Langlois & Mr. Bob Bromley

APPROVED: No issues during event in past years, motion to approve by Mr. Peixoto second Mr. Cotter

2. Request to have the Annual WWI Living History Camp & Demonstration at Fort Taber on Saturday May 7, 2016.

Invitee: Mr. Joseph Langlois & Mr. Bob Bromley

APPROVED: No issues during event in past years, motion to approve by Ms. Berube second Ms. Safioleas

3. Request permission to have the 28th Annual Schwartz Center Walk at Fort Taber on Sunday September 18, 2016

Invitee: Ms. Beatriz Oliveira

APPROVED: Approval subjected to change after board retreat meeting in January to discuss fees for use of the park. Will contact about any changes made to fee structure. No issues during event in past years, motion to approve by Mr. Cotter second Ms. Safioleas

4. Request to have the Schwartz Center 6th Annual Fishing for a Cause Seaside Dinner at Popes Island on Saturday June 26, 2016.

Invitee Ms. Beatriz Oliveira

APPROVED: No issues during event in past years, motion to approve by Mr. Peixoto second Ms. Berube

5. Request to have the I Love My City event at Buttonwood Park on Saturday August 13, 2016.

Invitee: Mr. Edwin Cartagena

TABLED: not in attendance Motion by Mr. Peixoto second Ms. Safioleas

6. Request to have the Buzzards Bay 420 Championship at Fort Taber on Sunday August 7, 2016.

Invitee Mr. Andy Herlihy & Mr. Bo Williams

APPROVED: Event organizers need to return to the board in Feb/March to discuss changes to fee structure and to further discuss concerns for first time event with board. Motion to approve by Ms. Berube second Mr. Peixoto

7. Request to have a wedding at Fort Taber on Saturday June 4, 2016.

Invitee: Mr. Robert Rousseau

APPROVED

8. Request to have the Fort Rodman Pirate Invasion at Fort Taber on Friday to Sunday July 8-10, 2016.

Invitee Ms. Jodi Ventura

TABLED: not in attendance. Must appear before the board to discuss event and concerns of the board. Motion Ms. Safioleas second Mr. Cotter

9. Request to have the Police Union Circus at Buttonwood Park Friday July 8, 2016.

Invitee Mr. Joshua Fernandes

APPROVED: Discussed possible storage for equipment. Cannot use NBHS parking lot. Motion Ms. Safioleas second Mr. Cotter

10. Request to put chess tables in parks.

Invitee Mr. Michael Knable and Ms. Lisa Rodriguez

TABLED: Board would like Mary Raopza to contact and further discuss this request.

11. Discussion about Brooklawn Park.

Invitee Mr. Carl Simmons

Receive and place on file letter from Ann Laurel

Receive and place on file letter from Mark Fuller / Preservation Society

Motion to fill in the center hole to winterize the site. Motion Ms. Safioleas second Ms. Berube

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the SEYAA (Motion to receive and place on file Mr. Peixoto second Mr. Cotter)

Letter from the Clerk of Committees (Motion to receive and place on file for reference of Mary Rapoza
Ms. Safioleas second Ms. Berube
FTFRHA Concession Agreement

OTHER

Mr. Cecil Hickman – Waldern Barracks discussion on mold problem in building. Request permission to remove carpet and paint the floor to stop further spread of mold throughout the building. Many elderly and small children are in the building, safety concerns. Building may not be on park property, Mary will discuss during meeting on 10/22/15 about what buildings are under the boards control. Board cannot approve anything due to the question of building being on park property.

NEXT MEETING

November 18, 2015

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Peixoto second Mr. Cotter 7:03 pm