

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Tuesday April 23rd 2019.**

Members Present: Kristin Hatch, Heather Rogers, David Oliver, Brandon Quesnell

Members Absent: Robert Enos, Cathy Nagorski

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Conservation Agent Tim Famulare, Mark Robinson
Compact for Cape Cod Conservation Trust.

New Business:

- A) Hall property Conservation Restriction –Tim town has contracted the Compact for cape cod Conservation trust to make a conservation Restriction on the Hall property, which is required because the acquisition used state PARC Grant funding. The “Town” in this case which is the Recreation Commission, has to grant a third party “The Provincetown Conservation Trust” authority to create this conservation restriction to insure that this property will be maintained in perpetuity for conservation purposes, in a natural, and undeveloped condition.
Mark-Because of the state funding to acquire this parcel, the conservation restriction is required, which has to be approved by Recreation Commission, Conservation Trust, and Select Board. Explains that the purpose of the restriction is to have the property to remain undeveloped in the sense that the scenic view is preserved and that it is used for Passive recreation. Takes commission through the document page by page.
Kristin- I understand about keeping the park undeveloped but my concern is that mark keeps referring to the park as being used for passive recreation only. Has someone made that decision? I feel like accepting this as is would only allow passive recreation opportunities, which is what the subcommittee should decide.
Mark- It was decided at town meeting that its was to be purchased as a passive recreation area, and as a park. Checks the town meeting vote which is attached to the document.
Mark- I stand corrected, in the warrant article is written that the property be acquired for active recreation purposes.
Kristin- make no mistake I don’t want the property developed, I just think as this draft stands now, there is no opportunity for active recreational opportunities which is listed in the prohibited allowance section of this Restriction.
Brandon Q- I agree with Kristin, I feel that this restriction as its drafted now is really restrictive of being able to provide active recreation opportunities. We have made a list of long term goals at one of our previous meetings, and to me a lot of those will not be allowed with this restriction. I also think the definitions of active and passive recreation needs to be defined and sent back to us.
David- I do agree that this seems a little too restrictive, I liked the idea of being able to have active uses of the property, maybe a Friday night small concert or something of that realm. I think the best course of action is for everyone here to take a good look at this, bring changes to the next meeting and we can revise it, and then send it to Mark.
Commission voted 4-0 to continue the review to next meeting
- B) Renaming of the Recreation Commission- Brando Q- I asked for this agenda item, because with the hall property and the planning of all other recreation facilities we have been discussing, it seems fitting that the new name should be parks and Recreation commission or something similar.
David- I think this name change would not be a simple request to change the name. This would create a reorganization of the entire Department to be able to accommodate the “parks” responsibility. Brandon’s title is “Recreation Director” and this would add a ton more responsibility even a title change, and most certainly more staffing and costs related to this change.
Heather- I agree with David, even though we are now in the process of doing most of this planning already, I think invited the name of “Parks” and Recreation will invite the town to place all public spaces on the Recreation Departments plate, which creates a whole lot more work on Brandon.

Kristin- I agree with both sides of this, but I would like to hear the Directors opinion
Brandon M- Like David mentioned, this will not be simple name change; there will have to be discussions on a reorganization of the entire department moving forward. We would have to discuss costs related to this change, because basically we still have a need for Recreational programming, and now we have added an element of parks planning. We would have to discuss costs related to this change with the Select Board. One main concept that would change if we were to move forward with this is something I have brought and instilled in everything this Department has provided over the past twelve years, personality. What I mean by that is, no matter the good or bad I have had direct involvement in every program we have offered, and my face and core values is instilled in everything to make sure we are promoting the best values to not only children, but adults. Parents picking up their children have direct conversations with me about how their child is doing, or that dance or yoga participants that has a request or issue I am the available when in need. I would like to say all recreation users have valued that, and that would change if this restructuring were to happen. Kristin-I would like to continue this discussion at a later date, so that we can gather info on how other towns are able to do this.

David I motion that we table this discussion until the first January meeting, giving us ample time to gather more information

Kristin –second
Vote 3-1

- C) Recreation Commission member Selection for Hall Property planning subcommittee-
Brandon Q- I do nominate Cathy who is not here, but I also motion to alter our vote from the Joint meeting with on April 10th, to allow two members of the Recreation Commission to be on the subcommittee. I think since this property is under the control and care of the Commission I Feel that Recreation should have two voices heard on this planning subcommittee
Brandon M- I get that the commission wants a strong recreation voice in this planning process, but we just had a meeting with the open space committee two weeks ago, where the commission voted in a joint meeting that one member from Recreation commission, Open space, Historic commission, Public Landscape, and Harbor. To change that decision here tonight without impute of the open space committee, who out all the work into the purchase of the property, seems to me to be deceiving.
Kristin- I do agree with the Director, and I do believe Cathy will bring a strong enough voice for Recreation to that subcommittee.
David Calls the Vote to amend the Subcommittee to be expanded to two
Defeated 1-3
Kristin Motions to Nominated Cathy Nagorski to be the recreation Commission Member for the Hall Property planning subcommittee
Brandon Q- Seconds
Voted 3-1 to accept

Old Business:

- A) Follow up from Joint meeting with Open space-
Brandon Q- gave report on the follow up the commission directed him to do at last meeting.
Brandon M- I will follow up with DPW tomorrow and do a site visit. I feel that any direction from the commission should come through me, and I can handle discussions or direction with other town departments.
- B) Youth sports- Brandon M asks that this agenda item to be continued at the next meeting, as member Bobby Enos opinion is a valuable resource on this topic.
Voted 4-0
- C) Motta Field Follow up- All documents have been given to the town planner, with the direction that it is going to be sent to town counsel for review and an opinion on how to combine all parcels and another opinion on jurisdiction of authority. Mr Ribeiro has been on vacation the last week, but I have a request for an update waiting for him when he returns.

Director's Report:

- A) Instructional Soccer- I have found two organizations that are willing to offer their services in Provincetown, which are Challenger and Super Soccer Stars. Both are quoted at the same price of \$100 per hour for one coach to implement practice for our youngest soccer players. I will discuss more when we talk about youth sports at our next meeting.

- B) Assistant Director- Interviews will be conducted the week of April 30th – May 3rd. We have 6 candidates to choose from, 4 of which are local, and 2 are from out of state. The interview committee, which is Cathy, Elisabeth Verde, and myself will hopefully have a decision by May 6th and hope to have someone starting before Memorial Day.
- C) Maintenance schedules- Brandon has made up maintenance schedules for east and West end playgrounds and courts, and one for Motta field, I will be discussing these with Public works next week. This will be a great tool moving forward because we can document the maintenance on each facility and if public works is not able to keep up with the schedules, it's a great starting point to start discussion the need for more help to maintain these facilities.

Kristin makes a motion to adjourn.

Heather seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.