



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION
Division of Recreation**
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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Town Hall – Auditorium at 7:30 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. Members present were, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present, Mr. Santos, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Aponte

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session –December 27, 2018

Mr. Bowen motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2-0, in favor

3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. None

4. Personnel:

A. None

5. Director's Report:

A. None

6. New Business:

A. Park Commission to solicit Public Input related to Centennial Beach Renovation Project

Mr. Bowen opened the floor to anyone interested in speaking with regard to Centennial Beach Renovation Project. Mr. Santos spoke first and provided a brief summation of the project, including introducing Mr. Michael Moonan from Weston and Sampson. Mr. Santos concluded his summation by referencing the newly created web page on the Hudson Recreation web site, which would serve as the main hub for project updates and information, moving forward. After Mr. Santos spoke, the floor was once again opened for comments. The following individuals spoke:

Joe Cunha – 1 Cherry Street – Mr. Cunha expressed a desire that the plan be maximized so it would stand the test of time. Also, the consideration be given to the installation of surveillance cameras

Andy Massa – 15 Michigan Drive – Mr. Massa expressed concerns about beach maintenance for the long term. The current beach shows signs of inadequate maintenance. Consideration must be given to the full maintenance cost going forward. Who is ultimately responsible for beach maintenance? Whose budget will maintenance costs come out of? Mr. Chaves commented, noting the Park Commission is aware of maintenance concerns, not only at the Beach, but across Town, and the Park Commission is already working on a future maintenance plan.

Stephen Domenicucci – 9 Avon Drive – Mr. Domenicucci inquired about a timetable for finalizing the project and narrowing down the “wish list” and who would be the one(s) narrowing it down. Mr. Santos responded, stating the narrowing down process would begin shortly after CPC funding was

committed and that the Building Committee, along with the Hudson Recreation department staff would be involved in the process from that point forward.

Ricky Gelin – 94 Central Street – Mr. Gelin expressed a desire for extended beach hours, as well as off-hour patrols to minimize “dangers” at night.

Trevor Rank – 28 Michigan Drive – Mr. Rank questioned whether or not amenities, such as WiFi and a Snack Shack were really needed and whether or not the process is “backwards” with funds being requested without complete plans in place. Mr. Rank went on to say increasing the shade is a need and consideration should be given to including a playground in full ADA compliance, referencing a wheel chair swing.

John Parent – 27 Causeway Street – Mr. Parent stated he was in favor of the project, as members of his family have enjoyed the beach over the years. As a member of the Board of Selectman and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), Mr. Parent inquired about the timetable for final design plans.

Bob D’Amelio – 9 Edgewood Drive – Mr. D’Amelio, speaking as a member of the CPC, provided more details on the process of how the plan will go from concept design to final design, noting the plan would be subject to review and comments from various Town Boards and Committees, along the way. Based on professional experiences and knowledge, the items on the concept plan are fair, the price is fair, and Weston and Sampson is a reputable firm.

Joanne Campbell – 52 Fort Meadow Drive - Ms. Campbell inquired about construction timeline and whether or not anyone has reached out to Marlborough regarding its beach construction; in particular any issues that may have arisen. Mr. Moonan (Weston and Sampson) noted construction, if funded, would begin in August 2019 and be completed in June 2020. Mr. Santos commented that conversations had taken place with various individuals involved in the construction of the Marlborough beach.

Rebecca Weksner – 135 Fort Meadow Drive – Ms. Weksner expressed her excitement for the project, as well as the excitement felt by fellow members of the Fort Meadow neighborhood. Ms. Weksner stated that “bells and whistles”, such as WiFi, are not needed and in some respects not wanted. Neighbors are against drawing people into the neighbors with a destination beach. Ms. Weksner, continued, while a playground may not be realistic at this point in time, she would like to see space allocated now for a playground installation sometime in the future.

Ricky Gelin – 94 Central Street – Mr. Gelin inquired about trails and the Morse Lot property. Mr. Santos commented that the current design plan includes off-season parking, which would allow for better access to the existing trails in the area.

Mr. Bowen stated that he swam there, enjoyed the beach for many years with his children and wants to see the area improved for the Town.

Mr. Chaves thanked everyone for their positive feedback.

7. Old Business:

A. None

8. Communications and/or Correspondence to be noted by Commissioners:

A. None

Announcements/Adjournment

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2-0, in favor

Motion to Adopt:	Mr. Wood
Second:	Mr. Bowen
Vote:	3 – 0, in favor
Date:	February 13, 2019