

January 24, 2022

Members present: Chair Amy Billings, Commissioner Richard Combra Jr and Commissioner Antone Lima.

Others present: Executive Administrator Nicole Morey

Meeting called to order at 2:05 PM.

Chair Billings asked if the other Commissioners had received the email regarding grass seed for East Chop Lighthouse. Commissioner Lima will respond to the email requesting that a more drought tolerant grass seed be used in that location.

New Business

Fireworks 2022

Commissioner Combra advised that an RFP will be sent out for fireworks display to be on Friday, August 19th with rain dates of August 20th or 21st. He said it would be like past displays and that the Fireworks committee would submit applications to use other parks for parking.

Commissioner Lima would like to see more of Ocean Park for the people.

Chair Billings said no applications for events from August 17 through August 23, 2022.

Summer events

Chair Billings said that the Parks Department would handle initial discussions with anyone having an event on Town beaches and/or parks without a permit. She suggested putting an advertisement in the local paper as well as on the Town website that you cannot use the parks to hold your business. She wants to develop a form letter to send to people who use these areas for business purposes. She added that OBPD was okay with police detail requirement for beach events.

Commissioner Combra and Commissioner Lima both agreed as it is a safety and parking issue.

Chair Billings would like to see a porta potty requirement for groups with over fifty participants. Commissioner Combra and Commissioner Lima agreed. They feel that the porta potty companies can advise applicants based on the number of participants.

Special Events

- Carly Rose & Brandon Williams wedding; Ocean Park Bandstand – Monday, July 18, 2022

Commissioner Combra made a motion to approve the Carly Rose and Brandon Williams wedding in the Ocean Park Bandstand on Monday July 18, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Lima.

Roll-Call Vote: Commissioner Combra-Aye. Commissioner Lima-Aye. Chair Billings-Aye. **(3-Aye)**

- African American Cultural Festival (AACF); Hartford Park – Friday, July 29 & Saturday, July 30, 2022 (rain date August 1)

The rain date will be Sunday, July 31, 2022, not Monday, August 1, 2022. They will need access to electricity. Commissioner Combra will check before the event.

Commissioner Combra made a motion to approve the AACF in Hartford Park on Friday July 29, 2022 & Saturday, July 30, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Lima.

Roll-Call Vote: Commissioner Combra-Aye. Commissioner Lima-Aye. Chair Billings-Aye. **(3-Aye)**

- Vineyard Series – classic Land Rover Festival; Waban/Alley Park – Saturday, July 30 & Sunday, July 31, 2022

No show.

- SOulFULLY Textured: Natural Hair Festival; Waban/Alley Park – Saturday, August 13, 2022 (rain date August 14)

Chair Billings said that the applicant will be responsible for trash and if there is going to be more than 50 people then a porta potty will be needed.

Commissioner Lima asked if the event was a for-profit event, the answer was that there will be a charge for admission to offset the costs of the event, but anyone can attend. She plans on pre-selling tickets.

Applicant Nike Okediji was advised that she will need Select Board approval for amplified sound.

Commissioner Combra suggested she return in late April/early May to determine such requirements as porta potty and police detail based on the applicant's best estimate on how many people will be attending.

Commissioner Combra made a motion to preliminarily approve the SOulFULLY Textured; Natural Hair Festival in Waban/Alley Park on Saturday, August 13, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Lima.

Roll-Call Vote: Commissioner Combra-Aye. Commissioner Lima-Aye. Chair Billings-Nay (2-Aye, 1-Nay)

- The Vineyard House Water Tasting by the Sea; Waban/Alley Park – Thursday, July 21, 2022

Chair Billings and Commissioner Lima asked applicant about parking for the event.

Applicant Kate Desrosiers of The Vineyard House said that they have shuttled people in the past. It was suggested that she contact the OB School for parking. Commissioner Lima said that someone needs to be designated to monitor parking around the park.

Commissioner Combra made a motion to preliminarily approve The Vineyard House Water Tasting by the Sea in Waban/Alley Park on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, for set-up, Thursday, July 21, 2022 for the event and Friday, July 22, 2022 for breakdown, seconded by Commissioner Lima.

Roll-Call Vote: Commissioner Combra-Aye. Commissioner Lima-Aye. Chair Billings-Aye. (3-Aye)

- Catching Royal Vibes 2022; Town/Inkwell Beach – Monday, August 15, 2022

Applicant Karin Wall on behalf of the Catching Royal Vines Committee said that they added a community service component to the day (donation to local domestic violence shelter). She is anticipating having a police detail and a porta potty as the number of attendees has increased and participants asked last year.

Commissioner Combra made a motion to preliminarily approve the Catching Royal Vibes Beach Day at Town/Inkwell Beach on Monday, August 15, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Lima.

Roll-Call Vote: Commissioner Combra-Aye. Commissioner Lima-Aye. Chair Billings-Nay (2-Aye, 1-Nay)

- Breakfast at Ocean Park; Ocean Park Bandstand – Sunday, July 31, 2022

Applicant Ellen Williams explained that it was small gathering with purchased items from local bakeries.

Commissioner Combra said that type of event is usually not allowed in Ocean Park. Commissioners advised her to check other parks and return to their next meeting in February with a new application for a different park.

**Old Business
Sunset Lake Park**

Chair Billings said that FANS member Donna Haynes was to contact Commissioner Lima to pick out rocks for along the road to stop people from parking in the park.

Commissioner Combra advised that the raft will be removed this week.

Approve August 24, 2021, October 18, 2022, and November 8, 2022, Parks Commission Minutes

Commissioner Lima motioned to approve the minutes, second by Commissioner Combra.

Roll-Call Vote: Commissioner Combra-Aye. Commissioner Lima-Aye. Chair Billings-Aye. **(3-Aye)**

Chair Billings said that they need to find someone to fix the lifeguard stand. Commissioner Combra said that he would speak to someone about it.

Adjourn 3:08 PM

Respectfully submitted

Nicole Morey
Executive Administrator