

## **July 10, 2023, Parks Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chair Lima, Commissioner Billings, Commissioner Combra and Executive Administrator Nicole Morey

**Others Present:** Parks Director Chris Joyce

**Via zoom:** Maura McGroarty, STEM Family Weekend representative Kharma Isis, 35th Sullivan Run/Walk representative John Murray, Spelhouse HBCU Beach Party Representative Wilton Baker, Crimson Tide Beach Party representatives Lori Cawthorne and Jocelyn Walton, Sports Fishing Champion-MVBGC representative Callie Williams and Polar Bears Concert representative Caroline Hunter

Meeting recorded by Executive Administrator Nicole Morey and later transcribed by Patty Culkins

3:00 PM Open meeting

3:05 PM New Business

### **Special Use Permit Applications**

#### **STEM Family Weekend; Waban/Alley Park – Thursday, August 3 - 6, 2023 FINAL APPROVAL**

#### **MV Community of Change Black Party; Waban/Alley Park – Saturday, August 5, 2023, FINAL APPROVAL**

Via zoom, Kharma Isis was present for final approval for STEM Family Weekend; Waban/Alley Park – Thursday, August 3 - 6, 2023 and MV Community of Change Black Party; Waban/Alley Park – Saturday, August 5, 2023. Police detail has been arranged for two days and signed off by Chief Searle. Ms. Isis has arranged 24-hour private detail for the space capsule and will email the layout of the event. Set up is August 3<sup>rd</sup> and take down is August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Billings made a motion for final approval for STEM Family Weekend; Waban/Alley Park – Thursday, August 3 - 6, 2023 and MV Community of Change Black Party; Waban/Alley Park – Saturday, August 5, 2023, pending receiving a site map and Police Detail information. Commissioner Combra seconded the motion. (3 Ayes).

#### **35th Sullivan Run/Walk; Washington Park - Saturday, August 5, 2023, FINAL APPROVAL**

Via zoom, John Murray was present for final approval for 35th Sullivan Run/Walk; Washington Park - Saturday, August 5, 2023. He has arranged for EMS detail and has Chief Wirtz's signature.

Commissioner Billings made a motion for final approval for 35th Sullivan Run/Walk; Washington Park - Saturday, August 5, 2023. Commissioner Combra seconded the motion. (3 Ayes).

#### **Spelhouse HBCU Beach Party; Town Beach – Friday, August 11, 2023, FINAL APPROVAL**

Via zoom, Wilton Baker was present for final approval for Spelhouse HBCU beach party; Town Beach – Friday, August 11, 2023. Chair Lima said the Select Board approved the Amplified Sound Application, Police detail has been arranged with Chief Searle and port-a-potties should be placed on the corner of Waban Park. The Chair asked that Baker be aware of noise level, other beach goers, lifeguards, allow lifeguards to do their job and only use pop up tents no bigger than 10' x 10'. Commissioner Billings said to expect changes for next year as to what will be allowed on Town beaches and parks. Parks Director Chris

Joyce was introduced as an onsite manager and will check in at the startup of the event and throughout the day.

Commissioner Billings made a motion for final approval for Spelhouse HBCU Beach Party; Town Beach – Friday, August 11, 2023. Commissioner Combra seconded the motion. (3 Ayes).

### **Crimson Tide Beach Party; Town Beach - Wednesday, August 16, 2023, FINAL APPROVAL**

Via zoom, Lori Cawthorne and Jocelyn Walton were present for final approval for Crimson Tide Beach Party; Town Beach - Wednesday, August 16, 2023. Loris said they paid the invoice for Police detail, Port-a-Potties have been arranged and trash pick-up will be done privately by Kevin Glenn. Chair Lima reminded them not to set up too close to lifeguard stands nor block beach access area and port-a-potties should be set up at the corner of Tuckernuck and Waban Park.

Commissioner Billings made a motion for final approval for Crimson Tide Peach party; Town Beach - Wednesday, August 16, 2023, pending receipt of Police detail sign off and receipt from Dottie's Potties. Commissioner Combra seconded the motion. (3 Ayes).

### **Sports Fishing Champion-MVBGC; Washington Park – Friday, July 14, 2023, REVISED FINAL APPROVAL**

Via zoom, Callie Williams was present for final approval for Sports Fishing Champion-MVBGC; Washington Park – Friday, July 14, 2023. Ms. Williams said her organization is working with the MV Boys and Girls Club to have an educational kids' clinic for media production and the Sport Fishing Champion event. They requested to have three or four 13' x13' and 16'x 16' open blow-up tents secured with sandbags, tables and chairs and would like to set time of 8:00 am and finish at 4:00 pm.

Commissioner Billings made a motion for final approval for Sports Fishing Champion-MVBGC; Washington Park – Friday, July 14, 2023, pending receipt of the balance of deposit owed for application. Commissioner Combra seconded the motion. (3 Ayes).

### **Polar Bears concert; Ocean Park Bandstand – Saturday, July 22, 2023 (rain date July 24)**

Via zoom, Caroline Hunter was present for approval for Polar Bears Concert; Ocean Park Bandstand – Saturday, July 22, 2023 (rain date July 24). Ms. Hunter requested to have a family friendly concert sponsored by PACE (Preparing Artists for College Entrance), the music will be contemporary and performed by young musicians. She expects guests will bring blankets and lawn chairs. Chair Lima stressed that amplified speakers should face the ocean and said Parks Director Chris Joyce will be the contact person on the day of the event.

Commissioner Billings made a motion for approval of Polar Bears Concert; Ocean Park Bandstand – Saturday, July 22, 2023 (rain date July 24) Commissioner Combra seconded the motion. (3 Ayes).

### **Old Business**

**Lifeguard policies – No Updates**

**MV Skate Park – No Updates**

**Pickleball – No Updates**

**Previous minutes – None approved.**

**Updates/Comment**

Via zoom, Charles Barksdale was present to discuss a filming project and application process with the Commissioners. Commissioner Billings asked what the project was and where he was asking to film. Mr. Barksdale said they expect to film mostly at the Sand Bar and Grill, possibly on the harbor bulkhead to film a boat that is tied up there and do some drone filming on the beaches. The film will follow a young group of kids that work and live on the island. Commissioner Billings said they would not need a permit if they were filming on private property (Sand Bar and Grill) but would need permission from the Select Board to film on the harbor bulkhead. Mr. Barksdale said he would reach out to the Select Board Executive Administrator.

Parks Director Chris Joyce discussed the use of surveillance cameras at Niantic Park. Chair Lima said he would like to get an estimate of hard costs to install cameras and wondered if The Town would share the expense. The Police have been notified about complaints of people sleeping in Niantic Park. He said he received a donation of plants for Niantic Park from Barbara Plessner. A thank you note will be sent.

Parks Director Chris Joyce asked about the use of power tools for repairs and a vehicle for site visits to parks and beaches. Commissioner Combra said Mr. Joyce could use the highway tools and trucks. He suggested requesting funds for a Parks vehicle at the Special Town Meeting.

Head Lifeguard Matthew O'Rourke recently had a rescue at the beach. Chair Lima requested the rescue report be shared with the Commission when it is complete.

Via zoom Maura McGroarty requested a copy of the Parks water usage reports.

Executive Administrator Nicole Morey reported that the Cottagers event group had not sent, as promised, the Board of Health required permit. She will reach out to BOH to check on the status of the permit.

Parks Director Chris Joyce asked if an account has been set up for accepting donations for planting trees in the parks. Executive Administrator Nicole Morey will look into it.

Commissioner Billings made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Combra seconded the motion. (3 ayes).

Meeting Adjourned 5:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Culkins