

August 9, 2021

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

Special event permit applications

- Newhouse Wedding Pre-ceremony photos; Ocean Park Bandstand – Sunday, October 10, 2021 (rain date October 11)

Jamie Newhouse explained that it would be the wedding party photos only.

Motion: To approve Newhouse-Montambault wedding photos in the Ocean Park Bandstand for Sunday, October 5, 2021 with rain date of October 11. By: Commissioner Lima. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed 2-0.

- Catching Royal Vibes Beach Day; Town Beach – Monday, August 16, 2021

Chair Amy Billings asked if they had gotten the police detail as requested at the previous meeting.

Applicant Karin Wall replied that Sergeant Marchand told her that they did not need one.

Amy said that her last conversation with him was that she was requesting as it is an August event at the beach. She said it is a Park requirement not an OBPD requirement.

Commissioner Richard Combra Jr arrived at 4:05 PM.

Commissioner Tony Lima said that if OBPD feels that they do not need it, then he wasn't going to make them have one.

Motion: To approve Catching Royal Vibes Beach Day at Town/Inkwell Beach on Monday, August 16, 2021 By: Commissioner Combra. Second: Commissioner Lima. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Billings voting no.

- Urban Farming Beach BBQ; Waban/Alley Park – Saturday, August 14, 2021

Sean Porter advised the Commissioners that he was not aware of what was advertised regarding the event and that he gave permission to one person to speak. He explained that a young man approached him and told him about what he is doing on the island regarding diversity so he thought it was a good match and gave him permission to speak. The man then asked if he could tell his friends and he agreed. He said that he knew nothing about the flyer and none of that stuff was going to happen.

Sean continued that he had been unaware of a racial incident that occurred in Chilmark and was told that the Police "Commissioner" thought it was a good idea to speak to the community about it. He was fine with the Police Commissioner speaking but all the other things were not happening.

Amy asked him about the other group advertising a beach barbeque.

Sean replied that those were his friends with a website so he asked them to let everyone know about his event. He said that they were overzealous. He reiterated that it was food, music and a few speeches. He has paid for the OBPD detail and filed for the food permit.

Amy said that they are advertising a fish fry.

Sean replied that they were doing hamburgers, hot dogs, etc and that it was not a fish fry.

There was a discussion on how many people were expected to attend. Sean said that they do not have more than 200 people.

Amy asked if he had trash removal taken care of.

Sean replied yes but he did not know which company and would provide that information.

There was a discussion regarding the \$100 still owed to the Parks Department.

Tony and Amy mentioned that he was on the Select Board's agenda for Tuesday, August 10th due in part to the social media posts regarding his event.

Sean said he did not know about the social media posts and as leader it was his fault.

Amy asked that if the Select Board does not allow amplified sound, would he still have the event.

His reply was that he would deal with it if that is the verdict.

Motion: To approve the Urban Farming Beach Barbeque for Saturday, August 14, 2021 in Waban/Alley Park. By; Commissioner Combra, Second: Commissioner Lima. Motion passed 3-0.

- MV Boat to Basket 2021; Niantic Park – Saturday, August 28, 2021

Commissioners discussed the use of a food truck for the day to feed the people coming over to play at the event and found no issue with it.

Motion: To approve the MV Boat to Basket on Saturday, August 28, 2021 in Niantic Park. By; Commissioner Lima, Second: Commissioner Combra. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business

Jaws 50th Anniversary Statues

Griffen Hansen explained that in 2025 it would be the 50th anniversary of the movie Jaws and would like to install a permanent memorial in Ocean Park for two statues; one of Steven Spielberg and the other a shark's head that people would get to pose and take photo within the mouth.

Commissioners wanted to know why not Edgartown and was told that they did not like it. He was open to other location besides Ocean Park.

Amy and Tony both thought the shark statue was okay but not Steven Spielberg. Commissioners said no to having it in Ocean Park and advised Griffen that any other location would need Select Board approval.

FANS

Donna Hayes asked about the Town setting up a donation account for Sunset Lake Park.

Town Accountant Deborah Potter said that she can set one up similar to the Niantic Park donation account with Select Board approving any donations received.

Donna was hopeful that the dirt pile would be removed soon. She said that Wastewater has been to the location with Powers Electric and that they have grant money for moving the shed.

Tony said that they will keep the stakes along the edge to keep vehicles off until a fence is built and he said that the Wastewater Department is aware of the parking changes.

Donna said that Horsley Witten will be on island on Wednesday morning to look at the plantings. Watering is in the contract.

Motion: To request the Town Accountant to set-up a donation account for Sunset Lake Park. By; Commissioner Lima, Second: Commissioner Combra. Motion passed 3-0.

Comments/Updates
Beach clean-up

Members took no action on the beach clean-up scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021 sponsored by Super Willie's.

Unpermitted events on the Beach

Amy had a copy of advertisements for events on the beach that are not permitted. She said that the Select Board Chair and Police Chief keep emailing her events and she tried to reach out if they have contact information. She said that the OBPD receives the park event schedule so if there are events on the beach, then they should go down there. It is in the Parks & Recreation By-laws that the OBPD enforces the by-laws.

Niantic Park

Amy said that someone damaged the sink at the park again and the irrigation has been installed.

CPA applications

Maura McGroarty asked if the Parks Department was going to submit anything for CPA money for FY23.

Amy suggested an application to find the bounds for a few parks; Naushon, Washington and Waban/Alley.

Tony said that it should include installation of concrete bounds.

Maura felt that it was important for the future to know the bounds.

She also advised that the Board of Health is sending a letter to the Select Board regarding the USCG extend the area for lead clean-up at East Chop Lighthouse.

Meeting adjourned.