

MINUTES OF 9/24/2013



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Hebron Beach Committee Minutes of Meeting 9/24/2013

Hebron Beach Committee Members Present: Andrea Goldthwaite (Co-Chair), Jinny Barnard (Co-Chair), David Goldthwaite, Cindy Newton, Marcia Morris, Barbara Spike (Secretary)

Hebron Beach Committee Members Absent: Pat Moriarty, Alan Baker

Time Convened: 2:03 p.m. **Time Adjourned:** 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD

Agenda:

- 1) Review of previous minutes;
- 2) Old Business:
 - Discussion of erosion at the beach
 - Discussion of 2013 summer at the beach
- 3) New Business
 - Discussion of and possible drafting of Warrant Article pertinent to use of the Town Beach
- 4) Other business that may come before the Committee

Review of previous minutes:

Co-chair Andrea Goldthwaite called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. She stated that there was a quorum and then asked the members present to review the minutes of the last meeting of Tuesday, May 21. Andrea asked if there were any errors or omissions. Cindy

pointed out there was no copy of the mentioned attached letter that was actually written in 2007.

Andrea asked if anyone remembered when Selectman's Rep. Pat Moriarty said that Donna, the beach attendant, should put down "same as last year" as her pay. When Pat had been asked how many hours Donna should put in, Pat said "same as last year." Further discussion on Donna's pay led to different perceptions: Jinny took her pay as hourly rate, Andrea thought it was same total pay. David expressed surprise at how high the amount was that had been paid for the year. Jinny added that Donna's not salaried, she's paid hourly. Marcia said that next year, in the spring, be specific about hourly wage and total hours expected, and it should be in a contract. Jinny said the difficulty is that you can't count on the weather when determining the amount of time. She also suggested writing in the expectations about including Mondays and holidays. David says he thinks it's an "uncontrollable" budget item. As of September 18, they had spent \$4,872 in 2012. Cindy said they ought to state the total yearly amount to be spent for the budget purposes, say around \$4,950. Selectmen have the final say on the figure, so it could be more or less. All members felt Donna was doing a great job as attendant. David moved to accept the minutes with corrections noted; Cindy seconded. The vote, was taken and the motion was passed unanimously at 2:12 p.m.

Co-chair Andrea then asked everyone to look over the minutes from the May 30, 2013 minutes; and then she asked for any errors or omissions. Marcia said that Karen Corliss did order the sign and life preserver. Co-chair Andrea doesn't know anything about the picnic table being ordered. There was no money left in the budget to order it. David asked about the meaning of the 2007 letter noted in the minutes. It was decided that the words "and was not acted upon by the Selectmen" should be added after "mentioned in any Selectment's minutes." David moved to accept the minutes as amended; Jinny seconded. Unanimously approved at 2:21 p.m.

Old Business: Erosion at Beach

Co-chair Andrea brought up that David had called five numbers in Water Resources

looking for answers to solving the beach erosion problem, with no returned calls. Jinny said the committee has to submit a plan. David said he was looking for guidance on how to develop a plan, and he further heard that Gilford had a similar problem. They were bringing in a load of clean sand to re-establish a beach. The members thanked David for taking the float lines in. Dave was pleasantly surprised at how the beach erosion had not gotten much worse over the summer. He felt, however, that they were creating the erosion problem because of cleaning the beach up and getting rid of tree limbs and other large “trash” objects. Jinny suggested installing a retaining wall such as Ashland had done. The problem being the wall would have to start below the frost line or it would be washed out.

Cindy wondered if the NLRA might be able or willing to help out. Andrea said she would work on this during the winter, and she would try to ask for either a donation of time to draw up a plan or at least get an estimate on cost of possible solutions. David said there was a range of options going from building a retaining wall to just doing nothing. Marcia said she was going to check about getting an estimate. No vote was needed regarding this item.

New Business: Discussion of and possible drafting of Warrant Article pertinent to use of the Town Beach

Co-Chair Andrea said that the Committee needs to develop a plan for submission to the Selectmen in the form of a warrant so it can be put in the Annual Report and everyone can vote on it. It is part of a process where it goes to the Selectmen and they have the Town's attorney look it over before it gets published. It will have to go into a petition if the Selectmen reject it. In that case, it will say “by Petition” and it may further have “recommended” or “not recommended” added by the Selectmen.

Andrea read from the old ordinance to get the wording right while drafting the proposed warrant. Jinny brought up that boats from Wellington State Park often come in and take over the beach saying the Town can't do anything about it. The present stickers only say

“Parking” and not “Beach”. Proposed to have both “Beach” and “Parking” put on the stickers in the future. Jinny said it would be prudent to add “Resident” sticker in addition to “Beach/Parking” on the sticker. Marcia felt residents could vouch for guests, unless there are guest passes that can be issued. Cindy also suggested erecting a sign to that effect that could be seen by boats coming in from the water.

Andrea read the first draft of the working draft: “Whereas the Hebron Town Beach has very limited parking available, be it resolved that the beach and parking be limited to Hebron taxpayers and residents only to picnic, swim, and recreate in small family groups only.” Revision to add in “that use of the beach” and add after groups: “of up to 25 persons/individuals.” Andrea felt that a group of 20 was reasonable. Marcia and David felt the original wording was too vague and that it needed a specific number. Groups over 50 people need a permit from the Town. Marcia wanted to be able to allow groups to have weddings there. Going back to the original ordinance in 1976, the purpose of the beach could not be determined.

It was decided that groups of 25 or more needed a permit issued by the Selectmen. The revised warrant article that was voted in reads “Whereas the Hebron Town Beach has very limited parking available, be it resolved that use of the beach and parking be limited to Hebron taxpayers and residents only to picnic, swim, and recreate in small family groups of up to 25 persons only. Use by large groups over 25 people must be approved by permit only by Hebron Selectmen.” David moved, Marcia seconded to approve the drafting of the revised, proposed warrant article. The vote passed 3 to 2. All agreed it should be submitted as a warrant article. Marcia would rather have it be a permit process. Cindy asked who would enforce it, as Donna couldn't and wouldn't. If it becomes an ordinance, it would be the Town's responsibility.

Other business that may come before the Committee:

David said he had learned from Sue and Jim Marshall that after Labor Day a sailboat was parked for two weeks at the edge of the cove, blocking access by kayaks. Jinny said a

letter to the police was needed to draw attention to their being observant for these violations. This boat was moved to another location afterwards, and the owners were not identified or notified to remove it. The Committee was in favor of having this as a warrant article so the townspeople can vote on it. A letter will be written to the Selectmen or police about the boat situation. It was not determined who would write it.

Other business coming to the committee is that there needs to be a budget meeting to develop next year's budget to present to the Selectmen. The Selectmen meet on the first and third Thursdays. Andrea said she would get the Beach Committee put on the docket. It was determined that Don Franklin and Arthur are auditing the budgets.

Motion for adjournment was made by David, seconded by Jinny. Passed unanimously at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara A. Spike, Secretary