

Blairhaven Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2011

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The Blairhaven Committee held a meeting in the Mural Room, Lower Level of the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

Members Present: Sam Butcher, Red Fawcett, Michael Gill, Joe Grady, Joe Jannetty, Tony Kelso, Pat Loring, Holly Morris, Betsy Sullivan (Chair), Don Beers (ex officio), and Peter Buttkus (ex officio).

Absent: Michael Barbour, John Brawley, and Gordon Cushing (ex officio).

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

REVIEW OF DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Beers reviewed his section of the draft park rules and regulations dated 5/5/2011. Mr. Beers indicated the proposed regulations were developed from existing regulations for Shipyard Lane Beach and Duxbury Beach. Ms. Loring made a comment regarding overall format and suggested wording that is more welcoming and positive rather than negative. It was also suggested that guidelines be posted at the town landing in order to distinguish the difference between park regulations and what is allowed only at the town landing. Ms. Sullivan noted that the Blairhaven Committee's charge is to only make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) who then votes in the rules and regulations. She suggested that the Committee may want to recommend the BOS also review the existing regulations for the town landing in order that the regulations for both properties are in-sync.

The Committee reviewed the first two pages of the draft regulations that were prepared by Mr. Jannetty. Subjects and discussions included:

- defining the time the park is open
- Whether to eliminate use of the word "passive recreation", since Town Meeting defeated the motion to include the word "passive"
- Whether to allow small-contained cooking fires
- Restricting mountain biking
- Allow recreational fishing but restrict commercial fishing to town landing
- Whether to allow small boat storage; by permit only
- Whether to allow swimming
- Enforcement of regulations and issuance of non-criminal fines

Ms. Cindy Reed from Patten Lane voiced concerns with allowing swimming and foot traffic along the beach because it may damage the beach grass and salt marsh.

The Committee discussed whether to designate an area for small boat storage; have a boat rack; and to require all boats be tagged with owner's name. It was

noted that storage of fishermen's equipment and dinghies is a problem along the shore.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Committee discussed the agenda for the next meeting on June 15, 2011. Items to include: the memo dated 6/7/2011 from Town Counsel regarding his legal opinion; discussion about parking; and use of existing structures. Town Counsel is to be invited to the next meeting.

Meeting scheduled for June 22, 2011 will be cancelled since several members are not available and it was questionable if there'd be a quorum.

At 9:15 a.m. Mr. Kelso made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Fawcett.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All in favor; 0 - opposed. Motion passed.

List of Documents:

- Existing Conditions Plan dated 6/1/2011
- Memo from Town Counsel dated 6/7/2011
- Letter from Mark Cleveland dated 6/5/2011
- Draft Rules and Regulations