

Blairhaven Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 29, 2011

TOWN CLERK

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The Blairhaven Committee held a meeting in the Mural Room, Lower Level of the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 29, 2011.

Members Present: 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, Sam Butcher, and Gordon Cushing (ex officio).

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ms. Sullivan summarized the interim report of the Committee's activities that she presented to the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on 6/27/2011.

DISCUSSION ON PARKING

The Committee continued its discussion from the last meeting with regards to parking. Mr. Buttkus reported that he and Mr. Grady had conducted a site visit and recommended an area for parking, approximately 100' x 140' in size, just north of the existing cottage and adjacent to Howland Landing Rd. The Committee discussed configuration of the parking. The consensus of the Committee was to recommend that the parking be for residents only; no trailers permitted; configuration to discourage trailers; restrict the usage of the lot when park is closed by a gate/chain across entrance. The Harbormaster's Department volunteered to be responsible for locking and unlocking gate.

The Committee discussed number of spaces. Mr. Fawcett and Ms. Morris reported on their observations of usage at other parks and landings in town. For purpose of discussion Ms. Loring made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Morris.

Motion: to consider a parking area presently developed for 10 spaces plus 2 handicapped spaces for a total of 12 spaces; with land for 10 additional spaces for future development.

The Committee discussed whether to mention expansion or just build what is appropriate for today's needs. Ms. Loring proposed an amended motion that was seconded by Ms. Morris. Mr. Grady left meeting at 8:30 a.m. before vote was taken.

Motion: the Committee recommends a parking lot with up to 12 spaces, inclusive of the number required for handicapped parking.

Vote: 6 – in favor; 1 opposed (Gill). Motion passed.

Mr. Jannetty inquired whether the conservation restriction could include a statement that the parking area is to be secured (locked) at night. Ms. Sullivan noted that closing time would be specified in rules and regulations. It was suggested to show a gate or refer to “gated parking” on the site plan. The Committee discussed parking time limit. A limit of two hours was suggested, in order to discourage overnight parking.

DISCUSSION ON NAME OF PARK

The Committee discussed a name for the park. Ms. Loring made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Fawcett.

Motion: the Committee recommends naming the park the “Howland’s Landing Park”.

Vote: 6 – in favor; 1 – opposed (Jannetty). Motion passed.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM ABUTTER

Ms. Morris reported that she and Mr. Grady have spoken with the abutter, Mr. Solomon, who wants the Town to maintain a vegetated buffer along the property line. Mr. Buttkus noted that the Town routinely tries to maintain a vegetated buffer along town property for neighbors.

REVIEW OF DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS

This item was moved to the agenda for next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meetings for 6/8/2011 and 6/15/2011. Ms. Loring made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Fawcett.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the meetings for 6/8/2011 and 6/15/2011, as drafted.

Vote: 7 – in favor; 0 – opposed. Motion passed.

Next meeting was scheduled for 7/6/2011.

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

Motion: to adjourn meeting

Vote: 7 – in favor; 0 – opposed. Motion passed.

List of Documents:

- Letter from Eli Solomon dated 6/14/2011