

Blairhaven Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 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, August 10, 2011.

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

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

In absence of the Chair, Mr. Grady called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Ms. Sullivan arrived at 8:25 a.m. and took over chairmanship.

REVIEW OF DRAFT CONSTRICTION RESTRICTION

The Committee continued its review of the draft conservation restriction. Ms. Loring went over the revisions agreed at the last meeting. The unresolved issue from the last meeting was with regards to Section A. Prohibited Uses and whether commercial activities should be included as a prohibited use. Mr. Gill proposed revised wording "More than de minimis commercial recreational use". After some discussion Mr. Butcher made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Fawcett.

Motion: to include in Section A. the words "More than de minimis commercial recreational use" as one of the prohibited activities at Howland Landing Park.

Vote: 4 – in favor; 4 – opposed; 1 – abstention (Kelso). Motion failed.

Mr. Grady asked if the Committee would consider adding the language to the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Grady made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Butcher.

Motion: to amend the rules and regulations to add to rule # 15 the language "Prohibited more than de minimis commercial recreational use".

Vote: 8 – in favor; 0 – opposed; 1 – abstention (Morris). Motion passed.

The Committee finished review of the draft conservation restriction. Mr. Grady made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Morris.

Motion: to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the latest draft of the conservation restriction as discussed today.

Vote: 9 – in favor; 0 – opposed. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Chairman reported the Committee is scheduled to meet with Board of Selectmen on 8/22/2011. The Committee reviewed the list of Committee votes and recommendations. It was noted that on 3/9/2011, the Committee voted to

recommend a property management plan. The Committee discussed whether this was still necessary; and noted park management is sufficiently defined through the Rules and Regulations and Conservation Restriction documents. Mr. Grady made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Gill.

Motion: the Committee reconsiders its previous vote, and now votes not to do a property management plan.

Vote: 9 – in favor; 0 – opposed.

With regards to the name of the park, the Committee discussed whether there may be a better name than Howlands Landing Park and recommended the Board of Selectmen solicit community input.

Mr. Jannetty and Mr. Butcher left meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The Committee discussed its role in the future. Members felt it was important that the Committee review any revisions to the Rules and Regulations and Conservation Restriction. Ms. Loring made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Fawcett.

Motion: to recommend that the Board of Selectmen keep the Blairhaven Committee intact, to reconvene as necessary to review any substantial revisions or decisions regarding the park.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Committee reviewed draft minutes of the meeting on 8/3/2011. Mr. Gill made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Grady.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the meeting on 8/3/2011, as drafted.

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

At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Kelso made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Fawcett.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

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

List of Documents:

- Draft Rules & Regulations
- Draft Conservation Restriction
- List of Committee Votes