

## Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes

June 9, 2008

Members present: Richard Combra, JR, Allan deBettencourt and Nancy Phillips

Meeting opened at 5:05 PM

### Apostolic House of Prayer Service request

Commissioner Combra advised that Town Administrator Michael Dutton has not received a response from Town Counsel on what authority the Commissioners have to decide whether to allow church services in Town parks.

Commissioner Phillips said it was okay for people to congregate but had issue with tents, signs and amplification of music.

Commissioner Combra thought that Town Administrator is anticipating that Town Counsel in the form of a letter might agree, although they cannot stop people from congregating in the park. He asked that they do not use tents, signs and amplified music until the opinion from Town Counsel is received; if Commissioners are allowed to decide then the Commissioners will revisit the request.

### Brazilian martial arts-dance

As part of graduation ceremony, a group would like to use a public space to show people what has been accomplished (most of ceremony to be at MVRHS) where dancers perform in a circle with acoustic music. Proposed date would be June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Commissioner Combra said he would be willing to support it in any park as long as there are no tents or amplified music but if they were looking for a hard surface they should check with the Board of Selectmen.

Commissioner Phillips suggested renting a portable dance floor.

Applicants advised to complete event agreement form.

**Motion: To approve request to use Waban Park for Brazilian martial arts-dance presentation. By: Commissioner Phillips. Second: Commissioner Combra. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

### Wedding application

Commissioner Combra explained that the area around the light house was park land while the square area around the actual lighthouse is federal land and managed by the MV Historical Society.

**Motion: To approve request to use East Chop Lighthouse for a wedding on June 21 at 5 PM. By: Commissioner Phillips. Second: Commissioner Combra. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

### Town Parks

Commissioners discussed where the Town's parks are; need for a map of parks in order to discuss each park and find out what neighbors and public want to see and use CPA funds for renovations.

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Commissioner Phillips would like public meetings to discuss each park; explained card system for getting objective information.

Commissioners agreed to get a map of Town parks in order to set schedule of discussions.

### Sea Wall

Commissioner Phillips advised that there is a meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> with engineer Carlos Pena to review his findings.

Commissioner Combra said he did not receive any reports from Conservation Commission. He added that they put up caution tape in order to cover the Town.

Commissioner Phillips said she asked Kent Healy to also attend meeting.

Commissioner deBettencourt said he would hate to see it disappear.

Commissioner Combra said he didn't know what their course of action should be if the ConCom's report states it is unsafe and it needs to be shored up.

Commissioner Phillips replied that she felt they were forced into doing what he says; that with the brackets it would buy some time.

Commissioner deBettencourt and Combra said that it was going to be a major operation to put the brackets in.

Commissioner Combra expressed concern about who was going to do the work; limited personnel, need a plan, no water there, etc. He continued that they need to see how big of a project they are proposing to make it safe.

Commissioner Phillips added that the stairs promised by ConCom to be done by NETCO are still not there. She doesn't want to let the building go because it is the will of the people she has spoken with to save the services and remodel the structure.

Commissioner deBettencourt feels that sometimes the other boards over step their bounds when it comes what falls under the Park Commissioners jurisdiction.

Commissioner Combra thought that ConCom was not going initiate any project but would review any project that others want to do.

Commissioner Phillips thought it was the ConCom couldn't or shouldn't review their own projects.

### Previous minutes

**Motion: To approve minutes of May 5 and 19, 2008. By: Commissioner Phillips. Second: Commissioner Combra. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

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### CPC appointment

As Michael Marchand was the Park Commission's appointee to the CPC, a new member needs to be appointed.

Commissioner Phillips said she would like to do it but perhaps they could move it a different time.

**Motion: To appoint Nancy Phillips as the Park Commission's representative to the CPC. By: Commissioner Combra. Second: Commissioner deBettencourt. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Commissioner Phillips was concerned that money voted at STM (\$42,200) has not gone out to bid for the Sea View Avenue (Farm Pond end); shifting the traveled roadway and railing, pre-architectural designs necessary to go out to bid.

Commissioner Combra advised that with JTC through the MVC has hired to GPI to look at bicycle paths or lack of bicycle paths from Tisbury to Edgartown.

Commissioners agreed to continue with the Self-Help grant process.

Commissioner Phillips asked about the tennis attendants.

Commissioner Combra responded that they could still hire them as they bring in money that can be used to pay them through the revolving fund.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned the ferry fees...

Commissioner Combra suggested contacting Ron D'Orio and that there was a committee made of various board and committee members and they were to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on how to spend that ferry fee money but that committee went away and the money now goes to the Police Department to pay for summer police officers.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned the proceeds from ticket sales by the Festival Network identified for the Parks needs to get into a for Park Department account.

Commissioners Combra and deBettencourt advised her that last year's Festival money went into the Park Revolving Fund.

Meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

Nicole L Morey  
Park Clerk