

June 6, 2011

Members present: Richard Combra Jr & Amy Billings

Others present: Kathleen Cowley (OB Resident), Nancy Philips (CPC/OB Resident)

Minutes from May 23, 2011 approved.

Special Events

- **Waban/Alley Park – Open Market on Sundays June 26th thru September 3rd from 8:30 AM to 1:45 PM.**
Kathleen Cowley explained that it would be open to artisans, farmers, flower sellers, etc. Commissioner Combra said he did not want to see food vendors to compete with businesses in downtown area but pre-packed items were okay (jams, spices, etc). He asked that she return to update the Commission and to get BOH approval for those who require it.
Motion: To approve the event by Commissioner Combra
Second: Commissioner Billings
Motion passed unanimously
- **Ocean Park Bandstand – Calloway vow renewal on July 14, 2011 (rain date July 15th) from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.**
Motion: To approve the event by Commissioner Combra
Second: Commissioner Billings
Motion passed unanimously
- **East Chop Lighthouse – Giunta/D’Agostino wedding on May 27, 2012 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.**
Motion: To approve the event by Commissioner Combra
Second: Commissioner Billings
Motion passed unanimously
- **Town/Inkwell Beach – Monteiro clambake on July 23, 2011 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM**
Motion: To approve the event by Commissioner Combra
Second: Commissioner Billings
Motion passed unanimously

Updates

Niantic Park

Commissioner Combra asked Nancy Phillips for a good description of the CPA project; to hire a consultant to design and then apply for grant money?

Ms Phillips replied that it would have to be worked into it; an engineer and landscape architect and what they do would include documentation in order for it to go out to bid for the purpose of getting other grants. She said the water sheds needs to be evaluated as well as look at drainage and how to fix it with diffusion tanks.

Commissioner Combra asked if she thought that there were grant funds available for such a project.

Ms Phillips said that the Division of Conservation Services has monies for refurbishing existing parks and as it will be combined with an infrastructure issues it is very attractive to them especially if it include innovative way to solve the problem. She wants to have a public input session and as soon as possible get the \$150,000 awarded to a landscape architect/engineer team so they participate in the grant writing or for more of the monies needed.

Commissioner Combra said he is definitely in support of fixing the basket court, upgrading the playground equipment where needed and solving the drainage. He thinks a public input is needed from residents.

Ms Phillips stated that updated Master Plan and Open Space plan will be required for the grant application as well a copy of the deed showing Town ownership of Niantic Park. She said the deadline is July 14th to submit what the project will potentially cost.

Commissioner Combra replied that he would like to see it go out to bid and he feels that they should meet with the Town Administrator to discuss what the Town needs to do.

Clay & Brick bathrooms

Commissioner Combra advised that the Conservation Commission had determined what plants should be used outside the restored building and should be arriving by the end of the month.

Ocean Park Bandstand

Commissioner Combra said that he would meet with the Dunkls regarding the guardrail installation as well as drainage. He asked Ms Phillips to send him a list of anything she could remember that needed to be completed on the project.

Niantic Park Gazebo

Commissioner Combra explained that the incorrect materials were sent but the correct the cap and special shingles had arrived and would be done shortly.

Plaques

Commissioner Combra advised he had received quotes from Alan Gowell regarding the plaques for the Niantic Park Gazebo and the Clay & Brick bathrooms.

Meeting adjourned.

DISCLAIMER: These minutes are based on a tape recording and as such have a margin of error.

Next meeting June 20, 2011 at 5:00 PM