



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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**September 16, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

### Agenda

**Please Note: All events are subject to the COVID-19 restrictions being lifted by the date of the event.**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM. Chairman Peter Boswell read Gov. Baker's Open Meeting Law Covid Guidelines.

**PRESENT:** Peter Boswell, Diane Berube, Elaine Safioleas, Paula Robinson-Deare

**Absent:** Lee Bentley

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Rec., and Beaches; Bernadette Barreira, Financial Asst.

### **ACCEPT PAST MINUTES**

PARK BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY MEETING.

Diane Berube motioned to accept the July Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

### **NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS**

**Hunger for Heroes Food Drop @ Buttonwood Community Center on Saturday 11/14/2020.**

*Invitee: Kasey Siva of Town Square Media*

The Food Drop is a continuation of Cans Across the Park and is a drop off in Buttonwood Community Center parking lot. Request use of the Community Center.

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Elaine Safioleas motioned to waive the \$180.00 fee and to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

1. **Fall Fun Day @ Fort Taber Park Saturday & Sunday 9/19 & 9/20/20** with set-up on Friday 9/18  
*Invitee: Robert Constantine not present*

Diane Berube motioned to table until next year due to logistics and failure to appear before the board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

2. **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride @ Fort Taber Park on Sunday 10/4/2020.**

*Invitee: Alyssa Ouellette*

This year will be a little different with finishing the race in Fort Taber. Plan is to have rolling start time. Will be closely monitoring to maintain social distancing. Finish line will be very quick, dismount bikes, grabbing the lunch, and swag. Will have park use and parking lot rental. They need a site visit for porta potty placement. The fee total is \$240.00, \$160.00 for the day and \$80.00 for parking designation.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

4. **Honoring & Remembering the Stars @ Custom House Square 12/10/20-1/4/21**

*Invitee: Stasia Powers of Community Nurse Home Care, Lisa Parent, & Caroline Conzatti*

Looking to apply vinyl stickers to cement shelving on walls and stars lights in trees. The stickers and ornaments would have QR codes to give the backstory on each person being honored or remembered. Estimate 200 decals and 200-star ornaments. Mary has talk to DPI. They feel the decals will not work on the shelving. Mr. Boswell suggested voting electronically if needed.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to postpone the approval of event until Mary works out logistics and will do an email vote. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

5. **Petition to Move Grilling Area at Hazelwood Park**

*Invitee: Gary Moraes*

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file the letter from Councilor Lopes regarding the grilling@ Hazelwood Park. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all. Ms. Safioleas read the letter in its entirety at the request of Councilor Lopes.

Mr. Moraes stressed the concerns over the grilling area currently being used as it is very close to the edge of the park near houses and the smell of the smoke and lighter fluid entering their yards. Mary suggested having another neighborhood meeting since the grilling area as part of the masterplan. The current area is temporary until funding comes available. The picnic tables need to be chained to the trees. Ms. Deare stated that Councilor Lopes was not able to attend but recommended meeting with the Friends of Hazelwood Park.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to have a meeting between Park Board, Mary, Gary, Councilor Lopes and the Friends of Hazelwood Park to discuss the placement of the grilling area. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES**

Director's Update

Beaches and Parking lots are now closed for season.

Fall field permits in process.

Rivers End Park finished.  
New Playground at Baby Kenny Toto Lot and Beauregard Pina  
Fall Programs Karate, Tennis, Yoga, and Flag Football  
CPA Funding for the West Beach Boat House redesign  
CPA Funding for the Design and construction Stormwater maintenance at Buttonwood Park Oneida St.  
CPA funding for the fence at Hazelwood Park.  
CPA Funding to fix wall on Rodney French side of Hazelwood Park.  
Groundbreaking for the Bowling Greens is tomorrow

**CORRESPONDENCE**

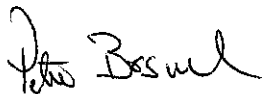
**OTHER**

**NEXT MEETING**

10/21/2020 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center or by conference call

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 7:09pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

A true record attests



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Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

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please contact the Dept. of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 508-961-3015.  
Requests should be made as soon as possible  
but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.***

