

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED AS AMENDED
PLUM ISLAND STUDY COMMITTEE - PUBLIC MEETING

Motion to accept: Robert Currier

2nd :Steve Mangion

ALL IN FAVOUR

APPROVED WITH STORMWATER COMMITTEE ATTACHMENT ADDED AS ADDENDUM

February 25, 2016

Committee Members:

C.Peter Erickson, Chairman

Jennifer Wright, Secretary

Robert Currier

Pat Keating (absent)

Stephen Mangion,

Town of Newbury members :

Geoff Walker,Selectman

John Lucey, Deputy Police Chief

Tracy Blais,Town Administrator

Martha Taylor, Town Planner

AGENDA

Call to Order

Review and AMEND minutes from 2/11/2016

Bob Currier move to approve

Jen Wright -second

VOTE to accept minutes as amended: Bob Currier, Jen Wright, Peter Erickson

Steve Mangion no vote

Ongoing Business

- Preliminary Draft Report had been reviewed on 2/11/16 [first distributed on 1/11/16 with subsequent revisions by committee including 2/12/16 and 2/24/16].

- The agenda for this meeting consisted of review of each section of the most recent draft of the committee-compiled report in order to deliberate the contents of a Final Draft, however with SM objecting to use of the term "Final Draft" the term "Status Report" was adopted. No vote was taken on the use of this term, henceforth called "the report" for the purpose of these minutes.

- Discussion that ensued section-by-section of the most recent report that was dated 2/24/16 with most members in general agreement with both direction and content of the report. There was some lively back and forth discussion and objection by SM who stated that he would submit a “strike-out and redline” version of the report in progress.

- Details of this interaction were too numerous and conflicting to capture in their entirety for the purpose of these minutes, however, at length it was decided that members would each submit individual sections of the report to be compiled and redistributed by PE. [As stated above SM would issue his revisions to multiple sections of the report, both documents were revised and distributed on 3/3/16]. Highlights of this discussion follow, much of which continues to follow what has been previously discussed on multiple occasions:

6.1 – Trash:

- **RC** has researched having bagged dog waste removed by a contracted service such as Doody Calls. A local company that presently has a contract with City of NBPT . Pricing:\$2652 3X a week pick up.

- Contracting with a service such as Mello for which **RC** has obtained estimated costs of \$1980/ year

- Surveillance cameras will be installed by the Police Department at no cost to the Town and the recommendation is that this be supplemented with signage to discourage abuse of trash collection by residents for household trash.

- Issuance of fines to discourage littering and abuse of trash collection services. Fines for dog waste left on the beach should be increased. [**JL** will check to find out how many littering fines have been issued on an annual basis for Plum Island, remains to be determined.]

- SM presented a photograph showing a pile of trash and plastic bags taken by him at the Center. He stated that he did not see anyone actually leaving trash and “would have reported them” if he had seen this. He did state that he saw people bringing trash into their cars with them that had apparently been brought up from the beach. PE noted that SM’s photograph is an encouraging indication that providing trash barrels may be successful, because people are at least bringing trash up from the beach and leaving it in one place.

6.2 - Facilities for Public/ public toilets:

- Ongoing discussion in conjunction with parking, which has same peak time usage times. Port-a-Potty previously supplied by local businesses. Costs briefly discussed \$2000.00 per season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

6.3 – Parking:

- Presentation of overview of Olga way parking lot to be held by the Town at a March 3 public forum.

- Discussion from previous meetings continued with audience participation concerning “Permit Parking Only” restriction on Northern Blvd. which has reportedly caused a hardship for residents citing lack of winter season parking at times when Northern Blvd was almost empty. There was discussion that residents could call the PD and make special arrangements. SM reiterated his position that “resident parking only” is the norm in most seaside communities and that the Town can issue placards for a fee for guests or make other arrangements such as calling the police station when guests come over.

6.4 – Streetlights

- **RC** spoke of problems associated with lack of street lighting on Plum Island Turnpike and inadequate lighting at the Center. He presented costs estimates that will be summarized in his section of the report that will follow and be consolidated for distribution [mentioned above].
- Town could own energy efficient lighting and pay for the initial cost through savings on rental costs and reduced electrical consumption, **RC** will investigate further and include as mentioned above.

6.5 - Lifeguards

- **As has been previously discussed**, relevant considerations include: 10k estimate for equipment, facilities/trailer for lifeguards previously supplied, lifeguard duties can include enforcement by providing a presence on the beach, extending the range and capability of an “on call” officer rather than continuous presence by a single police officer; more “eyes on the beach”.
- General consensus DO IT RIGHT OR NOT AT ALL
- Estimated Cost: \$50k/ season

6.6 - Revenue Sources for above

- Pat Keating to follow-up with a summary of possible revenue sources. It was suggested that Pat Speak with Richard Jones, City Clerk (referenced by Mayor Holaday) with regard to parking controls and revenues that have been successfully implemented both within the City and on Plum Island, by the City.

New Business :

- **As has occurred following past meetings**, **PE** will update “the report” aka the “Status Report” for committee review, soliciting sections to be further researched and drafted by committee members. There have now been 6 Public Meetings held since January 7, 2016.
- DEADLINE FOR FUNDS TRANSFER IS MARCH 22 FOR APRIL 26 TOWN MEETING AGENDA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAS REQUESTED THAT PISC VOTE ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT IT CONCLUDE DELIBERATIONS FOLLOWING ONE MORE MEETING .
- Next meeting: It was generally agreed that the next meeting for the purpose of “Finalizing” a the “Status Report”, and discussing objections there-to, might be scheduled for either March 3 (before or after the Olga Way meeting) or on March 17, 2016 but only after Pat Keating (in hospital) could provide his availability. [**Subsequently scheduled for March 17,2016**].

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Motion from Bob Carrier to adjourn- Second Steve Mangion.

All in favor Unanimously approved