

Stanclift Cove Authority Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call meeting to order

At 6:33 pm, Penny Miller called the meeting to order. Commission members in attendance: Penny Miller, Mike Kinsley, Wil Wesley, John Doyle, and Erik Perotti.

Also in attendance: Don Stein, Dan Jerram, Eileen Andryzeck, Natalie Garrison (lifeguard), and town residents.

2. Approval of Minutes, February 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting

John made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting. Wil seconds. All agree.

3. Public comments

Sharon Farber – 25 miner lane, Barkhamsted – Commented that it would be wonderful if Stanclift Cove could open this summer.

Penny responded that we will be opening on Father's Day per state guidelines. Social distancing will be happening with blankets at least 15 feet apart. Boating will not be allowed yet, as MDC has not approved it yet. There will be no swimming lessons offered this year. Masks should be on except for when in the water. Lifeguards will be making sure to social distance.

Don said he will check on the use of masks on the beach. That rule may be relaxed if you are within the 6 feet social distancing guidelines.

Joy Peck - 7 Porch Hill Road, Barkhamsted, stated state regulations state that you do not have to wear a mask if social distancing.

Penny responded that we will follow state guidelines, and she will check to be sure state guidelines allow that.

Joy asked how you keep kids from playing with other kids in the water, and if there is a maximum amount of people/family members on a blanket.

Penny said that we hope that parents take a main role in regulating, as lifeguards will help but will be focused on the safety of swimmers. The maximum number of family members is likely to be the current state regulation of no more than 10 people gathering together.

Rachel M. - Wickett Street, New Hartford – Her daughter has been living with her since March, but has an out of state plate.

Penny explained that a decision by the commission will be made regarding out of town stickers.

Natalie Garrison – Lifeguard - questioned how will we social distance. Will there be any changes made for lifeguards.

Penny responded by saying we are not sure yet, but we will have 2 extra lifeguard stands this year.

Joy asked if members will have to get there early to get a spot.

Eileen and Penny think that the weekends and holidays will be busier but should be no problem during the week.

Don Stein responded to a written question regarding the property – The MDC in 1966 gave the 2 towns use of the property. MDC owns the property, not the state, so we have to go by MDC rules.

Lara Weisberg - 398 Reservoir Road, New Hartford– asked if picnic tables, chairs, and docks will be available, and asked to confirm that boats will not be allowed.

Penny said yes to all three but recommends bringing your own table cloth. As far as boats, that is an MDC decision. We cannot have boats of any kind unless given permission by the MDC.

#### 4. Forms, Brochures, and Applications

Penny asked the commission members if everything looked okay. Erik inquired about adding changes related to COVID. Penny responded that she has a public statement regarding changes due to COVID ready to go.

Wil Wesley brought up the importance of clear regulations on liability.

John suggested adding a waiver of liability in the event that members get COVID-19. Don is working with the insurance agent on this.

#### 5. Bills

Penny said there is a bill for Workman's Compensation and liability insurance for \$2,947.

Erik made a motion to pay the bill, John seconds. All agree.

#### 6. Lifeguard and Supervisor Hires

Penny suggested we hold a live executive meeting to go over lifeguard and supervisor applications.

All agree.

John mentioned that on-duty lifeguards should be for water-watching only. Crowd control should be done by someone else, perhaps lifeguards who are off duty or supervisors.

Wil suggested we post recommendations and expectations regarding the pandemic, but we should not be forced to police guidelines.

Clean up weekend will again be the weekend before Father's day, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We have piles of woodchips and need to do something with them. Mike reminded the commission that the woodchips contain poison ivy.

Capacity requirements: Penny reminded the commission that we need to come up with some kind of system for the beach soon, but also rely on members to social distance.

Sanitary procedures: The reason for renting porta-potties is that the current ones are made out of wood and are porous and more likely to hold germs. All are in agreement to get porta-potties.

Docks: Wil mentioned that if we are going to put out the docks, we need to have specific rules and they be well known.

Dan Jerram said that docks could be challenging for social distancing. There's a good chance of lots of kids congregating and getting close to each other.

The commission decided that it will wait to decide on docks.

Wil agreed to draft recommendations and expectations for members.

Natalie Garrison inquired about beach toys. All are in agreement that toys are not to be shared this year and will not be placed under the lifeguard chairs.

John asked how we will turn people away. It will likely fill up quickly. Penny replied that we will talk more about that later, and decide how many supervisors to hire for that reason.

Suggestion is to limit sales to New Hartford and Barkhamsted residents only, at least in the beginning.

Jessica Hinman – Barkhamsted – Asked if Brodie beach was New Hartford residents only.

Dan Jerram – Brodie is opening up sales to residents first... commented that he never said they were closing to out-of-towners, and doesn't suggest using that option yet, and that we should continue to revisit the policy.

Eileen asked if we will be allowing guests. No decision has been made yet.

Erik presented options for t-shirts and suggested Custom Ink, to be ordered by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mike presented options for picnic tables and will bring information to the next meeting.

A decision was made to meet Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the Cove for a special meeting, followed by an executive meeting to hire lifeguards and supervisors.

Will motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Mike seconds. All agree.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Perotti  
Stanclift Cove Authority  
Co-Secretary/Treasurer