

Stanclift Cove Authority
Regular Meeting - @ the Cove
6 PM – August 10, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 6:11. Penny Miller, Erik Perotti, Aaron Jack, Melissa Roy board members in attendance. Jack Weber, Susan Hanson and Eileen Andryzeck were staff in attendance. Brian Grant and Paul Sutter are not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 7/27 and 7/19 have been approved.

Cannot approve the 7/13 minutes as we only had 4 board members in attendance and one of them is not at tonight's meeting.

Public Comment

Lisa Candels 58 East River Road Barkhamsted. Wanted to know what our thoughts were in regards to extending the hours for people to be on the beach after the waterfront closes. Susan Hanson said that there was plenty of time to get everything completed before 8 if we kept the picnic area (not swimming) open until 7:45 so families could finish dinner.

Ms. Candels also asked about the future of planting trees at the Cove. At this time we are still working on a plan. Ms. Roy offered to start a committee to meet with the garden clubs of both New Hartford and Barkhamsted towns. It will be discussed at a future meeting. Ms. Miller said she will reach out to the tree warden for advice on which trees she recommends for that area. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Also noted during public comment that we are open on days when it is only a drizzle and some people take advantage of the quiet on those days to swim laps or walk in the water for exercise.

Communication

Letter from a patron disappointed because the Cove was closed for staff appreciation and they claimed they weren't notified. It was posted on the facebook page a week in advance plus a follow up post the day of but the patron said they didn't receive a notification. Patron wanted a mass email sent to notify passholders of changes. Mr. Jack suggested posting in the flier at the beginning of the season which day we will close early for our appreciation party so patrons know ahead of time. There will also be a sign posted a week in advance. A check box will be added to the registration form to opt in for emails.

Email from John Andryzeck on behalf of the Barkhamsted East Fire Department. They would like to run a water rescue drill 8/29 6pm. The members are invited to watch the drill. Also, the FD would like to install a street number sign at the outside of the Cove. The Commission loved this idea and approved the new number sign.

Schedule for 2024 meetings

We discussed holding more meetings during the off season so we can approve policies and have things set well ahead of opening day.

Discussed the possibility of having Jack attend all of our meetings so his input would be helpful in developing policies. Ms. Miller will look into how we can have Jack paid for that time. We will also have a contract for Jack to sign to lock him in to Waterfront director for the following year.

Swim Lessons/Personnel

Head guard is working on a schedule. We are down several guards who are able to teach lessons. Erik contacted Lexi and Emily to see if they would be able to teach lessons as needed. They can teach lessons and be in a stand with a guard who has waterfront certification according to Bill Houle. We will also bring on Tyler Andryzeck as an additional guard.

Anything else to come before the board

Jack reported that we will have to start a delayed opening schedule in the next few weeks as the majority of supervisors work in education and need to be back for meetings. The earliest we can open is 3pm. He will let the board know the starting date ASAP so the members can be notified.

Ms. Miller reached out to MDC regarding the well pump and what is recommended to use on the poison ivy but has not had a reply as of the meeting date.

Ms. Roy inquired about the feasibility of just having a cell phone for the Cove instead of a landline so the supervisors could be more mobile and not tied to the supervisor table so they can answer the phone. Would there be a cost benefit by not having to pay for a landline over the winter months? Ms. Miller will call frontier to discuss the possibility of lowering the bill and possibly looking into cell phone.

Ms. Miller emailed the tree warden about the dead trees along the road at the Cove. The tree Warden was supposed to contact the Highway department. She has not heard anything back as of today's meeting.

Mr. Jack has checked out the possibility of getting a sail to help add shade in the meantime while the commission decides what to do about replacing the trees. He found a cost effective sun sail through Amazon that will cover a large area. We will only have to set 4 beams in cement (similar as how we set the grills) and add attachments. This sun sail can be removed during the off season to keep in good condition. Ms. Roy has a similar sun sale and can vouch for the durability. A discussion on this will continue for the next meeting.

The ladder on the little dock was coming loose. Jack will check into it tomorrow.

Mr. Perotti will check out a company to bring the docks in and out for the seasons as well as a quote for a new dock.

Motion made by Ms. Miller to end the meeting at 7:12. Motion seconded by Mr. Jack.
Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Roy