

Main Street Steering Committee

A Committee of the Bourne Financial Development Corporation
Focused on the revitalization of Bourne's Downtown

Minutes of the Meeting **DRAFT**
February 29, 2016
DPW conference room

Attending: Stephen F. Mealy, Jonathan Nelson, David O'Connor, Sallie Riggs, George Sala. Chris Pine of C. Pine Associates, Inc.

Open meeting: Facilitator Sallie Riggs opened the meeting at 10:36 am.

Buzzards Bay Park: Irrigation

George Sala introduced Chris Pine who is a consultant on irrigation and green solutions. Chris volunteered to consult with the committee on the proposed irrigation system. The discussion focused on the quality of well water with the area being so close to the Canal. If it is too saline, an alternative would be to use town water for both the irrigation system and the splash pad.

Scheduling events: The discussion turned to scheduling construction and how it will impact the events normally using the park during the summer and fall months. Jon projected that land shaping might take 2-4 weeks and installing utilities another 4 weeks. He doesn't want to hydro seed later than mid-October so that the grass can get a start before the winter months, so he thinks construction shouldn't begin after August 1. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that a sub-group of the MSSC would meet with the Town Administrator to formulate a policy/schedule.

CPC application: Sallie reported that it is likely that the MSSC application for CPA funds will be reviewed at a meeting on March 7, while she is away. Steve, Dave and Kathy will represent the MSSC. There was some discussion about the "inclusive" park being proposed for Sagamore Beach, with sentiment strongly against it. There was consensus to prepare a press release with the Concept 1 drawing for the media. Steve reported that the RFP for a consultant to update the Town's *Open Space and Recreation Plan* has been issued and responses were due last Friday.

Security systems: Jon and Steve reported on research into security systems. Depending upon the area and the times each day to be covered, installation could run \$30,000 to \$50,000 and monitoring could be \$500 to \$1,000 per month. A system could be coordinated with the creation of a Wi-Fi network. There was complete consensus to go forward with these two features.

Minutes: Sallie asked for any edits or corrections on the Minutes of the meeting on February 22, 2016. There being none it was MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to approve the Minutes as circulated.

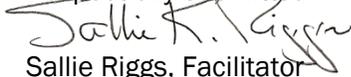
Buzzards Bay Park:

Skating: George summarized his opinion about installing artificial ice by noting that such a rink would have to be designed for skating and not hockey, and to fit under the pavilion with plastic curtains on all sides if it would be anywhere near possible to keep up the required maintenance. His department is too short staffed to support a rink.

Army Corps: Jon met with the operations manager at the Army Corps of Engineers. He indicated that there would be no problem with an easement for plantings, and such. Once we have Schematic Design, then we can invite the ACoE rep to a MSSC meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted


Sallie Riggs, Facilitator