

Minutes
Safety Committee Meeting
January 14, 2012

PRESENT:

Ned Lightner, Chair
Dick Brockway
Gina Cressey
Beanie Einstein
Steve Flowers
Judy Rohweder

NOT PRESENT:

Bob Abersold
Jim Huning
Harry Rosenblum
Denis Wang

Visitors:

Marge Brockway

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Ned Lightner.

Cost estimate for a gate and signage for the proposed emergency entrance into Bayview Park: Dick Brockway reported an estimate for the gate and signage for the emergency entrance to Bayview Park would be approximately \$400.00 using volunteer help.

Action: Ned will inform the Board of Overseer's of the \$400.00 cost estimate.

University of Maine Input regarding traffic calming: Dick Brockway reported he has been in contact with Per Garder from the University, and Per has agreed to meet with members of the Safety Committee and offer recommendations regarding traffic calming. Dick Brockway asked Ned Lightner to be the contact regarding the meeting in Bayside.

Action: Dick Brockway will email Per Garder introducing Ned as the Chair and supply him with Ned's contact information.

Action: Ned Lightner will request that Per Garder be reimbursed for transportation expenses from Orono to Bayside and back at the Overseers' January 15 meeting. (Note: the Board of Overseers' approved this request at their January 15, 2012 meeting).

Job Description for Bayside summer law enforcement: Ned Lightner distributed a "draft" job description for our summer patrol officer(s). The Safety Committee, with much appreciated input from the public (Marge Brockway), discussed qualifications, duties, hours, accountability, etc. included in the job description and the draft was modified to include proposed changes. The Patrol Officer(s) will be expected to meet with Bayside citizens early in the season in order to establish a positive relationship with members of the public. The Officer(s) will also meet weekly with the Overseer liaison to review ongoing policing. The committee will continue to fine-tune this job description.

The main concerns expressed in the Safety Committee Survey were speeding and community policing. The Committee discussed the possibility of taking a two-prong approach to address speeding and community policing...with equal emphasis on both. Perhaps, a patrol officer for speeding and another officer for peacekeeping.

According to survey responses, speeding is more of a problem in the am (commute) and the afternoons, while community policing is needed in the evening/early am hours. This approach will be further defined by the Safety Committee, with input from the Sheriff's Department as well as the Board of Overseers. Ned has spoken with Chief Deputy Trafton at the Sheriff's office and he is eager to meet with the committee to offer guidance and answer any questions we may have.

Action: Ned will contact Jeff Trafton, Chief Deputy, and arrange a meeting with available members of the Safety Committee.

Pet issues were also a big concern expressed in the survey responses. The possibility of Bayside creating their own (more restrictive) pet ordinance was discussed.

Action: Ned Lightner will ask the Overseers' if passing and enforcing Bayside's own leash law is a possibility, at their January 15 meeting.

In the past, lifeguard coverage has been six days a week. Ned reported receiving concerns over the lack of 7-day coverage from parents. Discussion ensued regarding the extra day of coverage and the advantage of having back-up if needed and potential "training" for the future.

Action: Ned Lightner will ask the Overseers' their thoughts regarding the extra one day a week coverage for back-up and perhaps grooming for someone in the future, at their January 15 meeting.

Ned Lightner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Flowers at 4:00 p.m.

Maureen (Beanie) Einstein
Safety Committee Member