

Minutes
Safety Committee Meeting
May 20, 2020

The Safety Committee met on May 20, 2020 via Zoom. Members present were Chair Michael Tirrell, Harry Rosenblum, Beanie Einstein, Lisa Fryer, Jim Huning, and Jeffrey Wilt. Also in attendance: Chief Michael Boucher, Village Agent Bill Paige, and Bayside resident Ed Williams.

The following agenda items were discussed:

Lifeguard coverage: The committee discussed schedule, start date, and orientation for Thomas Parker, the newly hired lifeguard for this season. Mackenzie Treadwell has agreed to work a shift or two to help orient Thomas to the Bayside waterfront. The coverage schedule and Thomas's start date are still being worked out – though Thomas likely will work Tuesday-Saturday, and perhaps also pick up a Monday shift on as many weeks as he can.

The lifeguard's chair will be moved over to the beach just north of the dock, and Bill Paige says he's got a plan for transporting it. There will be no swim float, and jumping or diving from the main wharf are prohibited due to COVID-19 concerns and the guidelines around social distancing, limitations on group size, etc. The beach will be the only supervised swimming area in the Village this summer.

Police coverage: The committee also discussed police coverage specifics, including initially thinking around schedule, start date, and other issues. Michael Boucher and Danny Ryosa will be the two officers on duty this year. Michael Boucher will provide orientation for Danny Ryosa, who is joining Bayside this summer as a new employee. Chief Boucher discussed some of the new challenges the officers will be facing this summer because of the pandemic. They will work to promote safe, legal behavior without micromanaging. Bill Paige, Michael Boucher, and Michael Tirrell are to work on final schedule and present that to the Safety Committee and Overseers at the Board's next meeting.

Safety Signage: The committee reviewed signage issues, including placement for the new digital speed signs which are being installed now. Additionally, new COVID-19 related signage is being produced and will be installed soon. Lisa Fryer and Michael Tirrell reviewed the new signs that the Overseers approved based on recommendations from the COVID-19 Task Force process over the past couple of months. The planning for new signs looks to strike a balance between clearly communicating new rules and not overdoing signage in the Village. Signs are to be posted regarding usage of main wharf, dinghy dock, beachfront, kayak area, and other areas. Some signs will be metal, others laminated paper. The hope is that the new signs will not be vandalized or destroyed – and that most of them will be unnecessary in Summer 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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