

## **Memorial Beach Committee**

### **Minutes for April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Committee members present were Jason Piader, Robert Hudon, Joanne Saad, Earl Gabor, and Carole Marchand. Also present was resident Jenna Williams

The meeting was scheduled at the beach for members to walk as a group to look for possible improvements and/or changes.

Starting at the ticket booth we talked about the possibility of moving it to prevent backing up onto Thompson Rd. Where it is placed now allows for easy U-turn ability without people being able to get past the gate. Also, there are generally only 2 days that lines back up far enough to hit Thompson Rd. Firework celebration night and 4<sup>th</sup> of July if it is a nice day. Not sure if moving it would make much difference on those days. Might make sense to move the ticket booth when it is updated but not the current one.

The group then walked over to the back track to talk about the possibility of a dog park. Carole brought up another possibility of having it located by the animal shelter. That area is flat, already has a water resource at the shelter and there would be no confusion of whether people are going to the park or the beach. The cons are more for the dogs. The ones at the shelter might feel slighted watching other dogs play. Carole will ask the opinion of the Animal Control Officer.

As we walked towards the beach house someone brought up Lakeside. Jenna asked what was going on. It was explained again that the committee was not looking towards closing Lakeside. The committee at this point was exploring the idea of staffing Lakeside to help control the overflow once the parking lot is full. Jenna aired her concern for the "kids" that would be working there and their safety. Carole assured her that she had no intention of placing a 15 year old down at Lakeside by themselves. There would be adult employees along with a police detail to start the season out. Adjustments could be made as the season progressed as needed.

The group walked over to the peninsula. Bob Hudon suggested putting a few tables over there. The group agreed that it might be a good idea. The group was happy with the aesthetics of the area of the peninsula in general.

Walking back we discussed the playground. The playground is in pretty good shape but could use some updating. The orange slide, it was decided would be removed and Carole would pass that on to DPW. We would also ask them to lay some mulch around the flag and senior park area. That has since been done.

Discussion for next meeting. Both May 1 and May 8 were good for all in attendance. We chose the 8<sup>th</sup> with topic of discussion to be start working on recommendations for the Selectmen.

Motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Meeting adjourned

**Amendment: when the 8<sup>th</sup> was emailed to all committee members it was made known that the 8<sup>th</sup> was the same night as the library concert. We would lose members again so we chose to move it to the 1<sup>st</sup>.**