

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, November 7th at 5:30pm

Location of Meeting: Via ZOOM

Committee Members Roll Call and in Attendance: Jack Mill ☑ Khalid Abdi ☑ Katherine Tonelli ☑ Leanne Harris ☑
Caryn Smith ☑

Visitors Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager
Sean Harrington, Department of Public Works Director
Julie Harrington, Parks and Recreation Director
Debbi Rossi, Parks and Recreation Chairperson

Town Employees Present: Derek Kwok, Kelly OBrien, Justin Tucker

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Minutes Review: August 15th: Approved. September 19th: Approved with revisions.
October 3rd: To be reviewed at November 21st meeting.

Agenda Item 1:

Correspondence from
D. Rossi RE: Trash at
Choate Park

After brief introductions, Ms. Debbi Rossi, the Chairperson for Parks and Recreation started by telling the group "Trash at Choate" is on their agenda for every meeting and removing the trash barrels from Choate Park was intended to be on a trial basis, as the trash being left around the barrels was getting out of control. She made note that one of her Board members witnessed a park visitor pull up next to trash barrel at Choate Park, remove trash from their trunk, then throw it in the trash barrel. Ms. Rossi said that she and her Board have asked around for other ideas on how to address this ongoing concern. The "Pack In/Pack Out" idea was brought up by another Board member and was voted on 5-0. Since then, they have seen no trash being generated at the park. Ms. Tonelli inquired about when vendors are there and farmers markets going on in Choate Park. Mr. Sean Harrington, Director of DPW stated if there is a special event (Annual Christmas Parade, Farmers Market), trash receptacles are put out. Mr. Mill chimed in and asked if "Big Belly" compactors have been investigated, and Mr. Harrington responded by saying he has looked into them and has not received positive feedback on them. Ms. Tonelli dove deeper into Mr. Mill's question by asking where Mr. Harrington obtained his information from and asked if he had spoken to anyone at Lawrence Waste; a company who is contracted with the town. Mr. Harrington stated he had not spoken to anyone at Lawrence Waste, but had spoken to fellow employees, and other town DPW employees who have also run into this issue with their parks. Ms. Rossi made note that one person came forward when the question was posed to the public on what else could be done about the trash. Ms. Tonelli then asked the guests how often the trash is picked up. Mr. Harrington stated that when there were trash barrels, the recycling center came and picked up the trash 7 days a week. Ms. Tonelli continued with her questioning by asking if there was a sign-off sheet for employees to sign once the park trash had been removed, and Mr. Harrington stated there was no sign-off sheet, but he was confident that the employees picked up the trash, unless there was some unforeseen circumstance. Ms. Tonelli wondered aloud if there was a Saturday it was not picked up, and that was the day it was noticed. Michael Boynton, Town Manager then asked if he could then chime in on this

conversation. Mr. Mill granted Mr. Boynton permission to speak, who reiterated to the group that this has been an ongoing issue for some time, and the idea of “Pack In/Pack Out” was created operationally, and it’s not a public health issue. Continuing, Mr. Boynton stated there was an uptick of trash; making it clear that there was more than regular park trash being dumped in the park trash barrels. The idea of “you-bring-it-in, you-take-it-out” was discussed amongst the DPW Board members, which is not a unique concept. Since removing the barrels, the park is cleaner than it was prior to removing them. On occasion there are wrappers or water bottles left on the ground, but in comparison to what was there when there were trash barrels, it is minimal. Mr. Boynton finished by saying DPW is doing a fabulous job by going Choate Park and making sure the park is clean of trash left on the ground. Ms. Rossi then stated that there are still trash barrels over at Oakland Park because the trash has not gotten bad over there. Ms. Tonelli asked if (over at Oakland Park) there were problems with bees, rodents, and wildlife, and Ms. Rossi said they have not encountered anything like that over there. Ms. Harris wanted to point out that the Board (of Health) is trying to figure out what our goals are, (for example – solid waste management), but here DPW is taking care of it, so she feels this is a battle that isn’t really meant to be. Mr. Mill then brought up the Charter and what falls under the Board of Health’s purview. Ms. Rossi said that her Board approached DPW and asked to take the responsibility of park trash, taking accountability on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board and meaning no harm or ill will by doing so. Ms. Rossi then apologized to the BOH for overstepping Charter boundaries if that is the case. Ms. Tonelli continued with her questioning from earlier by asking DPW knows of any other towns that do “Pack-In/Pack Out” and have been successful, and Ms. Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation replied that “Dunn Beach” was a successful example. Ms. Tonelli’s next question was if anyone inquired with Lawrence Waste to see what they could do to mitigate the trash; meaning that because they are contracted with Medway, would it be possible for them to pick up in Choate Park? Mr. Boynton stated that even though they are contracted with the town of Medway, they are not contracted to go into Choate Park, nor do they pick up on weekends. Another question posed by Ms. Tonelli was what are the other small businesses doing in town? Ms. Tonelli received a reply (unknown) that they rent dumpsters. Mr. Harrington stated that what they are doing now is costing the town nothing, and anything above what is presently being done would cost the taxpayers. Ms. Harris inquired about the subject of dog waste receptacles, and Ms. Rossi stated that dogs are not supposed to be in Choate Park, so adding dog waste receptacles are not an option at this time, as bylaws would have to be changed. Mr. Mill asked if there were any more questions or comments, and Ms. Tonelli stated she had talked to the owner of Lawrence Waste who had some ideas. After the entire group brainstormed as to why this was happening at one park and not the other, plus ways to prevent trash from being left behind, Mr. Boynton suggested of meeting again in early April so plans can be put in place for the spring and summer.

Agenda Item 2:
3 Daniels Road
(Small Component
Repair)

Mr. Kwok recommended approval for this small component repair.
Motion to approve small component repair at 3 Daniels Road made by Mr. Abdi, seconded by Ms. Harris. Approved by all.

Agenda Item 3:
12 Fox Run Road
(D-Box Replacement)

Mr. Kwok recommended approval for this d-box replacement.
Motion to approve d-box replacement at 12 Fox Run Road made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mill. Approved by all.

Agenda Item 4:
37 Ellis Street
(Septic Repair)

Mr. Kwok recommended approval for this septic repair.
Motion to approve septic repair at 37 Ellis Street made by Mr. Mill, seconded by Mr. Abdi, approved by all.

Agenda Item 5:
Dale Bangma
(Disposal System
Installers Permit)

Mr. Kwok stated that he had reviewed the application submitted by Dale Bangma for a Disposal System Installers Permit and recommended approval.

Motion to approve Disposal System Installers Permit made by Ms. Harris, seconded by Ms. Smith, approved by all.

Agenda Item 6:
Fee Schedule

Mr. Kwok informed the Board of the various fee changes he made to the schedule, recommending revisiting this on an annual basis. Mr. Mill agreed with the suggestion of keeping in the same range of surrounding towns.

Motion to approve made by Mrs. Tonelli, seconded by Mr. Mill, approved by all.

Agenda Item 7:
Animal Regulations

Ms. Harris noted that the document handed out was not the original DRAFT Animal Regulations originally passed out a few weeks ago. Mr. Kwok stated that he had taken the liberty to minimize a lot, creating an entirely new regulation.

Discussion and possible vote to send to the agricultural committee if needed. Withdrawn. Ms. Harris motion to table animal regulations review until next meeting. Approved.

Discussion:

1. Fluoride – Tabled for the time being, as document received by resident at last meeting was a lot and Board wanted to thoroughly review.
2. Resident request for recorded meetings – The Board discussed posting recordings of meetings or adding a ZOOM link and it was decided that we will keep face-to-face meetings without recordings at this time.

**Committee
Member Roll Call
to Complete
Meeting:**

Jack Mill ☒ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒
Leanne Harris ☒ Caryn Smith ☒

Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 21st, 2022

Adjourn: 7:08pm

Respectfully submitted by Kelly OBrien and Justin Tucker on 11.18.2022