

Minutes
Safety Committee Meeting
February 11, 2012

PRESENT:

Ned Lightner, Chair
Dick Brockway
Gina Cressey
Beanie Einstein
Steve Flowers
Denis Wang

NOT PRESENT:

Bob Abersold
Jim Huning
Harry Rosenblum
Judy Rohweder

Visitors:

Marge Brockway
Bob Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Ned Lightner.

The Minutes of the January 14, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Regarding action items from the last meeting:

Cost estimate for a gate and signage for the proposed emergency entrance into Bayview Park: Ned informed the Board at their meeting January 15, 2012 re the cost estimate for a proposed emergency entrance to Bayview Park. The Board decided to pursue the possibility of widening Bay Street to accommodate emergency vehicles. Ned will work with Bill and Billy Paige on cost estimates to do same. (Note: At the February 12 Overseers Meeting, Bill Paige informed the Board that he thought it would be cost prohibitive to widen Bay Street because of water/sewer involvement and removal of three trees. The Board referred the matter back to the Safety Committee for additional input/recommendations.)

University of Maine Input regarding traffic calming:

Ned reported that a meeting with Per Garder, from the University of Maine, has been set for February 28, 2012 to discuss traffic calming with Chair Ned Lightner and available members of the Safety Committee at 10 a.m. Ned Lightner has approval from the Board of Overseers to reimburse Per Garder for his travel expenses, including lunch, for his visit.

The Safety Committee discussed the agenda for Per's visit on February 28, 2012, and an agenda was decided as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. Meeting with Per Garder and Safety Committee members for
An overview of Bayside, traffic issues, congestion, etc.
- 10:30 a.m. Walk/drive around of problem areas, i.e., Shore Road (Cross Street to
Bayside limits - Gull Cottage)
Bluff Road (Golf Course to the “Mansion”)
George Street
Broadway
- 11:00 a.m. Back to the Community Hall for discussion/input from Per Garder
- 12:00 noon Lunch – Darby’s

These time frames, of course, are tentative.

Job Description for Bayside summer law enforcement. The Safety Committee was in agreement that fine-tuning the job description for Bayside summer law enforcement should be postponed until their meeting with Per Garder to incorporate his recommendations.

7-Day Lifeguard Coverage. Ned reported that the Overseers had approved the extra day coverage for the Lifeguard at their January meeting.

Action: Ned will contact Michelle Nealey to firm up her availability for this summer. He will also check with his contact at the YMCA for any lifeguard recommendations she may have for this extra day of coverage.

Pet Concerns - Ned reported that Bayside cannot have its own leash law, we must adhere to the Town of Northport’s ordinance. Since the leash law is not a possibility, Denis Wang thought, perhaps, signs in pertinent areas around Bayside would be appropriate and could be worded with a positive tone “for the benefit of the community.” (Note: Bayside does have an ordinance which states owners must pick-up after their pets or a fine would be issued. It was noted that Bayside can enforce the leash law on the dock because it is Bayside property with a structure on it.) The Safety Committee agreed that enforcement of our ordinance, i.e., owners picking-up after their pets should be included in the job description for our Patrol Officer.

Action: Denis Wang to work on the wording for signs regarding pets and Dick Brockway will work on sign design...exact locations and methods of placement to be determined.

Public Input: Ned recognized Bob Smith and thanked him for storing the Police Cruiser (for a nominal fee) and upkeep/maintenance of the Cruiser.

Bob Smith reported that the Cruiser is in excellent condition with only 140,000 miles. If the decision to refit the cruiser is made, he would do the work pro bono. Ned thanked Bob Smith for his generous offer.

Discussion ensued regarding our approach to community policing with the Committee and members of the public. It was agreed that this discussion will be clearer after the meeting with Per Garder.

If it is decided that we utilize the Sheriff's Department for our officer, all agreed that the Safety Committee should be part of the process in picking a candidate.

The next meeting of the Safety Committee was set for 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 10, 2012.

Ned Lightner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gina Cressey at 4:30 p.m.

Maureen (Beanie) Einstein
Safety Committee Member