



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes July 10, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:06 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rany Magoon – Chair; Karyn Stogner – Coordinator; Michael Guerrette; Chantal Guerrette; Tara Mann; John Osborne – ex-officio

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JaNeen Lentsch, Weare Resident: Chase Park overcrowding and guest concerns. See correspondence attached as Exhibit A. Ms. Lentsch also presented a letter from Charlene Provencher attached as Exhibit B.

Discussion centered around making the park a resident only facility. Official review of “public” by attorney. Petition by residents to board of selectmen for resident only facility.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT/PARK UPDATES

1. Field Usage:

Weare Library story time at Chase Park. Combo lock to be placed Ineson Field Gate. John Osborne indicated that residents across the street from the field have seen people in the parking lot/on the field at night.

2. CIP 2018

Engineering/survey plan for additional space at Ineson and/or East Road; Boat launch; Bolton. To meet at 6:30 on 7/17 at East Road space to see what area looks like.

3. Community Service Opportunities:

NFI

4. Community Events:

Halloween Night; S'mores Night; Field Day; Great Pumpkin Hunt

5. Chase Park:

Season up and running. Consider police detail for future July 4th dates. Overcrowding and people parking on the road. Those on road received parking tickets when police arrived responding to a fight on the beach.

Someone backed into fence along the road with their trailing causing fence to fall over. Formal PD report filed by staff when individual parked and left the area. Park staff temporarily fixed the fence.

Karyn has received calls from Mike at Lakeshore Village Resort. Days of inclement weather park staff is canceled. Mike has made demands for staff to be at the park to let the resort guests out of the boat ramp. Karyn advised that the coordinator and staff are not at the resort's beck and call and that circumstances had not changed since starting in position five years ago. Mike disagreed. Karyn inquired as to whether the resort itself has access to the water for boats. Mike indicated that, yes, they are able to pull boats out of the water, but they have to do so over the beach area and they don't care to do that.

6. Seniors:

NFI

7. Miscellaneous:

- NFI

Tennis Court

NFI

Senior Citizen Initiatives

1. ****See #6 in Coordinator Report****

Recreational Activities/ Community Events

1. ****See #4 in Coordinator Report****

Bolton Playground

1. ****NFI****

Facility use forms

1. ****See #1 in Coordinator Report****

CIP/Budget

1. ****See #2 in Coordinator Report****

Chase Park

1. ****See #5 in Coordinator's Report****

Miscellaneous

1. ****See #7 in Coordinator's report****

Next Meeting: 6/12/18 at 7:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:07 PM *-Minutes Recorded by Karyn Stogner*

Pending Action Items for future meetings:

Weare Park and Rec Meeting

10 July 2018

Hello, My Name is JAneen Lentsch, I have been a resident of Weare for 14 years. First I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak before you tonight. I realize how fortunate we are to even have a recreational area, such as Chase park. I feel that in 1940 when Horace Chase leased it to Weare, his intentions were, that the public of Weare, should be able to enjoy this recreational area. Times have changed and local Weare residents are having trouble enjoying and are even avoiding Chase park, due to the over crowding. I feel changing Chase park to Weare residents only and their immediate guests, would be a way to return Chase park back to the enjoyment of the local Weare public.

Many surrounding town beaches becoming residents only, has caused Chase park to be a more popular place for non residents. With this increase of visitors and lack of parking, residents have fewer opportunities to use Chase park. For example, Glen Lake is residents only in Goffstown, excluding their truck/trailer parking, Uncanoonuc is resident only in Goffstown, Scobie Pond is resident only in Frankestown, Emerald Lake is Resident only in Hillsborough, Veterans Memorial Park is residents only in Pelham and Cobbet's Pond in Windham is Residents only, to name a few.

I recently chose to visit Chase park on the 4th of July. With the parking lot full, I chose to park on the street, versus taking my 10 & 11 year home on a hot holiday. Choosing to still enjoy the beach, I did notice four out of state plates in the parking lot and I overheard one conversation near the bath house, where people spoke about themselves being from Manchester.

Do we feel that this resident only & guests change, would be giving people no place to go? No, If a lot of residents have resident only swimming places, then they can choose to swim there, in their community. Plus there are 22 state

parks in New Hampshire with lake/ocean frontage and even more with river access to choose from. Most state parks have ample parking and funding for ranger staff. For example Clough state park, right here in Weare has 900 feet of Beach. A few other parks include, Bear Brook state park, Greenfield state park, Silver Lake state Park, Lake Sunapee state park, Elm Brook state park.

Our staffing and parking is proportional to the population of our town. It is a great summer job for our local young adults. We should not be needing them to police non residents, that do not have the respect that comes with pride of ownership, that residents have for our beautiful beach. I overheard one family move to the shady side of the park because of the peoples behavior next to them on the beach side. They took their young child and baby and choose to move, feeling uncomfortable where they were. I later overheard the mother saying how she grew up swimming here at Lake Horace, as many current residents would like to have their own children say that one day too.

If we are able to cut down on the overcrowding, it will also reduce our usage of water from the well and be less of a demand on the septic system, keeping the sanitary part of the park improving and fewer expensive plumber visits.

If reduced income from lack of non residents is a financial concern, I feel most residents would be willing to pay more for a season permit. I would be willing pay \$30 a year to enjoy a beach, that I need would be less crowded. More residents would most likely return to using the lake again.

I realize that at a past meeting, July 2017, when this being a town only beach was brought up, we spoke of the deed possibly having requirements of the public being allowed to use the park. In the oldest deed I located, dating May 4, 1940 part reads "Party of the first part agree to lease to the town of Weare for ninety nine years, for the purpose of establishing a recreational park, a certain point of land on the Weare Reservoir," "Provided that the Town will accept the same and make provisions for the supervision of the same, including proper police, sanitary, and safety measures, and maintain a suitable fence:" From

the second oldest deed I found, dated March 8, 1941, it refers to Right of ways, locked gates and Life guards being on duty. The Third Deed I located, dated July 1, 1944 reads in part " This deed is given for the purpose of establishing a PUBLIC PARK, to be know as Chase Recreational Park," "And it is further agreed that if the premises hereby conveyed shall cease to be maintained and used as a PUBLIC PARK, said premises shall revert to the grantor and her successors in title."

The word PUBLIC has many definitions. As defined by Merriam Webster:

- Of, relating to, or affecting all the people or the whole area of a nation or state
- Of, relating to, or being in the service of the community or nation
- Accessible to or shared by all members of the community

As defined by Oxford Dictionaries:

- Open to or shared by all the people of an area or Country

Public can easily be defined as the public of Weare, being a community or area of a state. Keeping open to everyone in Weare would be keeping it open to the public, not for private use.

I feel I am not alone in hoping to find a solution to the over crowding problem at Chase Park, which we all want to keep as a wonderful local recreational area. Making Chase Park open to the public of Weare residents and their guests, could be the right solution and one I encourage you to consider.

Thank you for your time

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public



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Definition of *public* in English:**public**

ADJECTIVE

- 1 Of or concerning the people as a whole.

'public concern'

'public affairs'

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- 1.1 Open to or shared by all the people of an area or country.

'a public library'

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- 1.2 Of or involved in the affairs of the community, especially in government or entertainment.

'he was forced to withdraw from public life'

'a public figure'

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- 2 Done, perceived, or existing in open view.

'he wanted a public apology in the Wall Street Journal'

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Weekly Word Watch: wasteman, womp womp, and werpt



Resistance is fertile: the language borne of the feminist movement

3. due process 'a course of formal proceedings (as judicial proceedings)'
4. asylum 'protection from arrest and extradition given especially to political refugees'
5. insubordinate 'disobedient to authority'

SEE ALL

Examples: *public* in a Sentence

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- Time Traveler! Explore the year a word first appeared

Definition of public

1 a : exposed to general view : open

b : well-known, prominent

c : perceptible, material

2 a : of, relating to, or affecting all the people or the whole area of a nation or state

- public law

b : of or relating to a government

c : of, relating to, or being in the service of the community or nation

3 a : of or relating to people in general : universal

b : general, popular

4 : of or relating to business or community interests as opposed to private affairs : social

5 : devoted to the general or national welfare : humanitarian

6 a : accessible to or shared by all members of the community ←

b : capitalized in shares that can be freely traded on the open market —often used with *go*

7 : supported by public funds and private contributions rather than by income from commercials

- public radio
- public television

publicness

noun

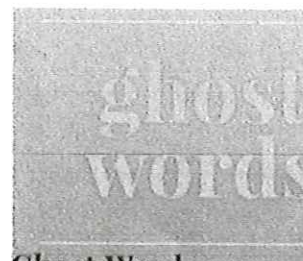
See *public* defined for English-language learners

See *public* defined for kids

Examples of *public* in a Sentence

1. *Public* outrage over the scandal eventually forced him to resign.
2. The ads are intended to increase *public* awareness of the risks of smoking.
3. She was elected to a *public* office.
4. He was in Congress for many years but he recently retired from *public* life.
5. They decided on a nearby restaurant as a convenient *public* place to meet.
6. The government has allowed *public* access to the documents.
7. The city council is holding a *public* meeting.

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Ghost Word

Dear Parks and Recs,

For the last 11 years my family and I have called Weare our home. We love our "little" town and the fact that we have access to the lake Horace and the beach area as residents. With that being said, I would like to personally address a few incidents that have happened over the last several weeks while we have been at the lake trying to enjoy it with our two boys. On Saturday, June 30th, we arrived to the lake after a morning of Allstar baseball games with our youngest. The beach area was very crowded and parking was limited. While unloading our vehicle and walking through the lot, I observed several vehicles with out of state plates (MA Plates.) We proceeded to find a spot on the beach area and sit. We had just settled in when a group of people sitting next to us decided to start smoking on the beach. From what I gathered they were non-residents because I had never seen them before. I politely asked them to stop smoking as the beach area was a non-smoking area. The woman rudely replied "I can smoke wherever I damn well please." My response back to her was "the signs as you come into the park state otherwise. Please put out your cigarette." It wasn't until one of the teenage life guards asked her to stop smoking that she finally did.

Fast forward to the July 4th Holiday. Our family chose not to make the trip to the ocean and to stay local in our town and enjoy the lake. Several times throughout the day we could smell "pot" being smoked somewhere in the beach area, but could not identify where it was coming from. Another resident finally figured it out and reported it to the park staff at the booth. I observed a non-resident throw a cooler that belonged to a resident and try to start an altercation with them because they asked them to stop smoking it. This resident eventually ended up packing up their stuff and leaving prior to the Weare Police Department arriving. The fact that we as residents have to

leave a beach area that we pay taxes to enjoy because of non-residents is disheartening. This is not right and the situations that are happening at our local town beach need to be addressed. There are people smoking on the beach and leaving their cigarette butts in the sand. When they are not smoking in the open, they are hiding behind trees or smoking in the water. There are people that are walking around with glass bottles of beer and drinking them on the beach. I can only imagine what else is happening that I have not seen yet. I would happily pay more money for our season pass to get in as a resident than to continue having to deal with people not obeying the rules. Non-residents of the town should not be allowed into the park unless they are accompanied by a resident.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Provencher
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