

Attendance: Page absent and has vertigo, Denise was absent

### New membership - Dave

New process is to start with membership terms expiring on 12/31. TC can only appoint membership for 3yr terms. A letter will go to all memberships expiring before Dec asking them to continue to serve until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. A Committee meeting will be held on 9/15 or 9/17 to address the issue of how new appointments be handled between now and Dec.

### Communication needs to improve

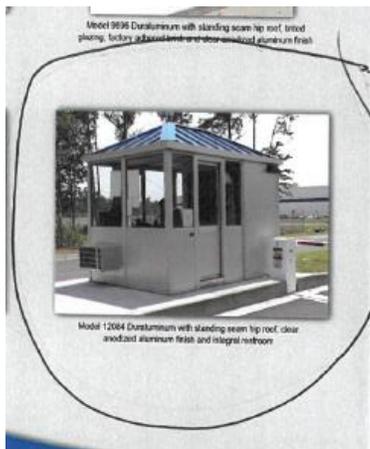
Running theme. Sat 8/22 Page witnessed a man requesting to use the small pavilion at the gatehouse to get his family out of the rain. At the same time a group pulled up with reservation paperwork from the Rec Dept completed Friday 8/21. Page was upset about the Rec Dept not notifying DPW or the FF staff making Mark the gate attendant look foolish. Page would like DPW to take the reservation. Deb Bailey thinks Rec Dept is better suited to continue handling it. **Brainstorm ideas: setup online calendar w/ access for DPW, gate attendants, PC, and patrons. Have auto notices set up to go to PC, DPW when reservations are made. Educate the public: Add process for reservations in KCC booklet.**

Communication between DPW and PC has improved, but still needs to be a lot better.

**Brainstorm ideas: have regular meetings, have DPW, Town Manger attend PC meetings.**

### New Gatehouse

9/3/15 Gale confirmed her understanding of a new gatehouse in Norms email on 8/31/15



9/8/15-9/10/15 Norm's anticipation of completion is next year. Norm is leaning toward this design. *The one that has a circle around it is almost what we are looking at. The different is the front (driving into the Fort) would be rounded. It will have power, lights, phone, internet, bank style drive up window tray, heat and ac. We are also looking into electric gates that way we could remove the speed bumps right at the gate and move them down the road inside the park.* Page referenced current gatehouse was built to minimize vandalism (two previous gatehouses were burned by teenagers) and eliminate the danger to employees by reckless drivers. **(Vote 5 against this design at this time). Thoughts: doors/half doors/windows need to be protected. Barriers, cell service, panic button, security cameras, more bank drops, sign "not more than \$200? at**

**anytime". PC would like to explore an upgrade to the current gatehouse and employ more staff and/or Enforcement officer before money is spent on a new gatehouse.**

9/10/15 Rich is waiting for response from Norm. Where in the process is this project? (How/when was this design chosen?) How is the new gatehouse offering better protection (glass/aluminum vs concrete)? How will it be paid for? Feedback of new part time position? Confirm in budget a full time enforcement officer and/or other (Page recommends 3 fulltime gate staff and 3 fulltime park) and additional money for bug spraying/invasive

9/10/15 Rich spoke with Nancy: *TC requested immediate response from Town Manager of what to do. Town Manager needed to respond in a week with ideas and asked Department heads for a list of brainstorming ideas. The Current gatehouse was determined not able to support the safety features that are needed (electricity, phones, etc). PC should be involved in the decision and Nancy will make sure Norm involves PC going forward.*

Rich and Page are waiting for further communication with Nancy in response to email sent 9/8/15 4:48pm

- 1) *PC had the idea of an updated gatehouse in the FF Management plan draft and discussed it during a walkthrough a couple of years ago. It was moved from a capital improvement to a regular project after discussion that adding electricity was all that was needed. Has it really been researched to require a new building?*
- 2) *By not consulting with us we were not able to share our opinion*
- 3) *Where is the money coming from? We have been pushing to have more spraying done at FF this year which was not in the budget.*
  - a. *Why is there money for a new gate house but not for spraying?*
  - b. *Is anything going to suffer to pay for this?*
- 4) *What can we do to make sure an enforcement officer and proper staffing at FF is given the same priority as this new gate house? This proves things can get if it is made a priority. Would hiring the enforcement officer we requested/presented two years ago be a better or at least more all-inclusive protection solution. What can the Parks Commission do to make sure we get more money for better staffing asap?*

## **Topics for future meetings**

### Finances

October meeting top agenda. For next meeting Rich will get 10/1/2014 to 9/31/2015 financial reports from Finance Director. Denise will be consulted to review. We want to get an idea of the revenues vs expenses that FF generates. This will help put into perspective budgeting items at FF. Prevent cuts to bug spraying. Improve invasive maintenance program. Fund capital improvements. Hire additional staff. We can also analyze if additional revenue is needed (raising fees/instituting dog pass) and confirm the spraying budget was cut in half, which is reason to increase in-town season pass fees as recommended previously.

Analyze FF Gate fee and attendance information

Try to analyze spreadsheet from Finance Director to distinguish how many season passes are sold vs. day passes. This information will help with an expected outcome of changing fees in the future.

Stay in front of 2017 FY budget. Review drafts and final budget to be submitted by DPW in fall.

### Drones

Complaint was received from a women sunbathing that a drone was flying over her taking pictures. Should there be something in the rules and regulations for Seapoint Beach and FF?

Facts:

- There is not an easy way to distinguish which model aircrafts have cameras and which don't.
- Many drones have cameras now a-days. Not so much airplanes, single prop helicopters, kites
- Even if a camera is not taking pictures there still could be a live feed where someone is looking at you.

FAA has safety guidelines for use which include: Don't fly near people or stadiums and Don't be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft – you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft

[https://www.faa.gov/uas/model\\_aircraft/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/model_aircraft/)

[http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/KBYF\\_Brochure.pdf](http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/KBYF_Brochure.pdf)

State Statute: D. Engages in visual surveillance in a public place by means of mechanical or electronic equipment with the intent to observe or photograph, or record, amplify or broadcast an image of any portion of the body of another person present in that place when that portion of the body is in fact concealed from public view under clothing and a reasonable person would expect it to be safe from surveillance. [1997, c. 467, §1 (NEW).]

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/17-A/title17-Asec511.html>

To the knowledge of the Kittery Chief of Police there are no ordinances in Kittery related to drone use.

Rich is waiting to hear back from the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Parks Dept to see what their guidelines are.

- <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/07/29/suffolk-restrictions-camera-drones-beaches/>  
7/29/15 HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (CBSNewYork/AP) — Suffolk County lawmakers have voted to restrict the use of camera-bearing drones over its beaches and facilities during the summer months.  
The measure bars flights over any county facility without authorization from public works and bans flights over county parks without a permit from the parks department.  
Leg. William Spencer said the permits will be free, but limited to journalists, real estate buyers or anyone covering an approved county event, CBS2's Hazel Sanchez reported.  
Lawmakers said hobbyists will be able to get permits under guidelines the county parks department is drawing up.  
"It's kind of like the wild west, anything goes; take your drone and fly it on the beach or fly it anywhere else. We're just saying let's start to have some basic ground rules," Spencer said.  
The measure will be in effect each year between May 15 and Sept. 15. Lawmakers said it will take three to four months to come up with the drone permit guidelines, so the regulations at county beaches will not go into effect until next year. Some critics argue the law may be unconstitutional and question how it will be enforced.  
Leg. Rob Calarco said the beach ban is a reach because no one in a public place has an expectation of privacy. But Spencer said while he loves the new drone his kids gave him for Father's Day, he doesn't want just anyone flying them over county parks or beaches where folks are sunbathing.  
"...You can have a drone that can lose control, that could injure people," Spencer said.  
Barbara Cataletto, of Huntington, welcomed the legislation.  
"Absolutely agree with that. We need a permit to drive a boat and we need a permit to ride a car. Anything that is taking on any public health issue should have to get a license and a permit for sure," she said.  
But 17-year-old Nico Zarriale sees it as a loss of personal freedom for several of his friends who operate drones in the park.  
"We have the right to do things. We have the right to technology and such, so, I don't think they should," he said.  
Zarriale said he's never seen anyone hurt by a drone when in the right hands.  
"They can be handled if you know what you're doing," he said.

**Other resources:**

- <http://www.boston.com/news/nation/2014/05/16/drones-coming-beach-near-you/fUqwis3HH6TcAu3CUxsmVN/story.html>
- <http://warisacrime.org/content/sample-anti-drone-ordinance-your-city>
- [http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-06-18/news/fl-boynton-beach-drones-in-parks-20140617\\_1\\_drones-model-aircraft-wally-majors](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-06-18/news/fl-boynton-beach-drones-in-parks-20140617_1_drones-model-aircraft-wally-majors)

Website/Facebook page.

Who is running these pages. Should we pursue ownership of these pages.  
Centralize information for patrons. Rules and regs/reservation process/news articles/meeting discussions.

New Parks

Rip Rap (Boulders) have been placed on Kittery side of the Sarah Long Bridge Project. I have been told this this will be removed when the project is completed.  
Is there PC and/or public interest to cover with sand/loom and make this area into a new park. Keeping the Rip Rap could create a nice peninsula for fishing.

JPJ Park update



## Pier

Pier rebuild was done with wrong boards. Is there potential danger for falls, especially after the boards weather and you can not tell new ones vs. old ones.

## Seapoint Beach

Bill Hackett has pointed out additional parking spots at Seapoint that are not clearly marked. Dave will verify these are actual spots with if so, the PC will recommend to put up appropriate signs to make the public aware.

