

ISLAND PATH COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 24, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Selectman Bonnie Searle at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mrs. Ellen Goethel, Ms. Bonnie Thimble, Mr. Peter Tilton Jr., Mr. Mike McDermott, Mr. Jim Keefe and Mr. David Joaquin (who joined the meeting at 7:50 p.m.).

1. Review Minutes

The Minutes of May 22, 2002 were reviewed. Mr. McDermott questioned the Addendum (his chain of events statement) as being part of the Minutes. Mrs. Goethel stated since it was voted on 5/22/02 it was voted in and will stand as being part of the Minutes. Mr. Tilton motioned to accept the Minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor. Mrs. Goethel motioned to review the Minutes of June 19, 2002. After taking the time to review these Minutes, Mrs. Goethel motioned to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Keefe. All were in favor.

Mr. Tilton asked if there would be a meeting on August 5, 2002 as scheduled. Ms. Searle stated that there would not be a meeting on that day.

2. Committee Final Report

A discussion ensued on the Committee Final/Minority Reports that will be presented to the Selectmen. Mr. McDermott and Mr. Keefe were under the impression that they would present their own Minority Report. Mrs. Goethel stated that the Minority Report should be handed in with the Final Report to the Selectmen. Ms. Searle stated the deadline is August 1, 2002 for the submission of the Report. Mr. Keefe asked Ms. Searle to ask the Selectmen if the date can be changed to August 5, 2002 as they will need more time to prepare the Minority Report. Ms. Searle will see if this could be changed. At this time Ms. Searle asked the Committee to read the Final Report for review. Mr. McDermott asked about the dump site. Mrs. Goethel suggested he put this in the Minority Report. Mr. Keefe stated that as of today's date the Town/Conservation Commission has not asked for the permits. Mrs. Goethel responded to that statement. Mr. McDermott stated that Ms. Searle kept saying "no" to parking on the Town Lot. Ms. Searle responded to the statement and clarified the statement. Mr. Keefe stated to correct on page 1 the signage of parking. Mr. Keefe also asked about what the adjacent parking meant. Mrs. Goethel changed to "parking on" instead of "adjacent". Mr. Tilton stated to correct a grammatical error and to add "Authorized Vehicles Only". Mrs. Goethel and Ms. Thimble had no further comments on the Final Report. Mr. Tilton motioned to accept the Final Report with corrections, seconded by Mrs. Goethel. The vote was 4 in favor and 3 opposed. Mrs. Goethel will correct the Final Report and deliver to each member by Friday, July 26, 2002 to be inserted into the Selectmen's packets and for the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Searle suggested meeting one more time to review the Minority Report. Another meeting was suggested for Wednesday, July 31st to accept the Minority Report. Mr. Tilton motioned to accept the Minority Report if attached to the Final Report without discussion or meeting on August 5th. Mrs. Goethel seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Minority Report will be delivered to Ms. Searle.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

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The next meeting will be a short meeting on Monday, August 12, 2002 prior to the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be to review the Minutes of July 24, 2002 and most likely be able to disband the Committee.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Conservation Commission Secretary

July 31, 2002

TO: Island Path Committee Members

RE: 7/24/02 Minutes, Minority Report & 9/7/02 Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Dear ladies + gentlemen,

Enclosed are the minutes of our last meeting. As we discussed, will be meet at 6:30 p.m., just before the selectmen's meeting when the project will be taken up by the selectmen on September 9th. Please look the minutes over, and come prepared to offer corrections, if any, and we will at that time disband as a committee.

The Board of Selectmen on Monday, July 29th, were agreeable to extending the deadline for our committee to present it's report/recommendation in order to accommodate a minority report to August 5th. I would ask that the minority report be delivered to me as soon as it is ready, so that I can make proper distribution to other committee members, the board of selectmen and the conservation commission. It may be left in one of the many paper tubes adjacent to my mailbox, or between the kitchen doors of my home (16 Penniman Lane).

The selectmen, in briefly discussing this project, decided that there should be one person representing the majority report and one representing the minority position at the selectmen's meeting on September 9th. Please call me with your recommendations.

Also, please be cognizant of the fact that there is an August 7th hearing before the planning board on an application for a special permit to allow work within the 50' buffer zone at the site. I was not aware of this at our 24th meeting or it would have been properly discussed. I saw the legal notice in the Hampton Union on Friday.

Copies of the corrected minutes of June 19 and May 22, are also enclosed.

Even though our meetings were contentious at times, I appreciate everyone's willingness to give up so much personal time during our busy summer to work toward eventually providing the public with an improved interesting educational site at the Island Path conservation area. I am grateful for the opportunity to chair the committee, and thank everyone for their diligence.

Sincerely,



Bonnie B. Searle, Chairman
ISLAND PATH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Enclosures

Cc Sue Launi, Secretary ✓

*Sue - Thank you so much for your perseverance
and getting the last minutes to me so promptly. I haven't
read their stuff - it was given to me by Tr. Wizer this pm.
2:45 pm 7/31/02 Bonnie* (sp?)



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BONNIE,

ENCLOSED IS THE MINORITY REPORT THAT IS DUE AUGUST 1, 2002. A COUPLE RESIDENT APPROACHED ME TONIGHT AND TOLD ME THAT YOU ON TV SAID THAT THE MINORITY REPORT FROM THE ISLAND PATA COMMITTEE WAS NOT YET READY. THIS REPORT WAS AGREED UPON TO BE READY BY TODAY, AND IT WAS. I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT YOU SAID WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TOWN POLICES WORK. I WAS VERY DISSAPPOINTED IN WHAT YOU SAID PUBLICLY. THROUGH OUT THIS WHOLE ORDEAL I SHOULD OF BEEN MORE VOCAL, BUT I WASN'T. WHAT I DID SEE ~~THOUGH~~ THOUGH, WAS SOME TACTICS PLAYED BY YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS THAT I DIDN'T APPRECIATE. AS CHAIRPERSON, YOU PROBABLY SHOULD OF HAD A MORE UNBIASED OPINION.

Dwight Johnson

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July 29, 2002

To: Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission

From: Island Path Committee

Re: Minority Report

To whom it may concern,

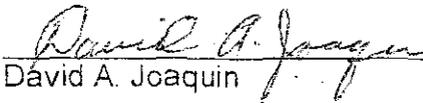
Please find attached the completed minority report. This report entails the culmination of input from the residents of Island Path. The issue of parking was the only disagreement between the residents and Conservation/Selectmen. Although the vote on parking was 4-3 in favor of Conservation/Selectmen, please note the request for the vote came abruptly and we feel was improper because it was not on the planned agenda for that night.

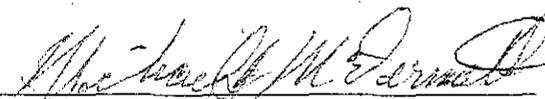
The majority vote on the acceptance of the final recommendation submitted by Conservation/Selectmen was also 4-3 in favor.

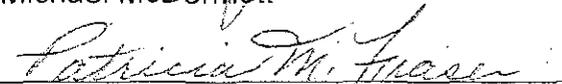
Thank You,

Island Path Committee:


James E. Keefe


David A. Joaquin


Michael McDermott


Patricia M. Fraser (alternate)

Island Path Committee Minority Report

We the residents are in agreement that the proposed walk path for this site would be an improvement over what presently exists. What the residents propose is to utilize the town owned parking lot on East Island Path as the parking lot for this project. The residents do NOT want parking on site, because Island Path is a quiet residential dead end road. The main concern the residents have of parking on site is the disturbance of the natural habitat that exist. Another point of concern the residents have in the recommendation from Conservation, is to have elevated platforms built, the residents feel these platforms will serve basically no purpose.

We the residents would like the site developed in the following phases:

Phase I:

Apply for D.E.S. permit (pre 1981) dump site.

Apply for permits to remove any possible hazardous materials (ex. steel drums, metal, all broken glass, medical waste, furniture and construction debris) and test soils for planting.

Install gate to authorized vehicle area.

If site is considered hazardous then apply for superfund grant.

Phase II:

Immediately upgrade habitat for the wildlife. (mow grass and prune trees)

Commence cleanup after permits are in place and start planting.

Commence with sidewalk construction in conjunction with Master Plan from Ashworth Avenue to the site. (grade level)

Phase III:

Start construction of gravel path, this path must stay inside the site and to be located parallel to the existing boulders.

Phase IV:

Install posted reduced speed limit signs to 20 mph. (DEAD END ROAD)

Install posted signs "No Busses Allowed" beyond intersection of Battcock and Island Path.

Install interior signage that was agreed upon with the committee.

Finish all planting, install garbage barrels, and install bicycle racks.

Summary:

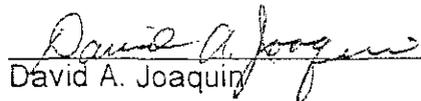
This project has the ability to be a tremendous asset to our community and state. The above is a well thought out plan, we the residents are willing to work with the Town and Conservation to see this project through as we propose. All maintenance and cleanup of the site will be the responsibility of the Town of Hampton and the Conservation Commission.



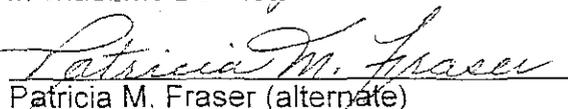
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