



Peaks Island Council
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

6:15 p.m., MacVane Community Center

Call to Order: 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Lisa Peñalver, Timmi Sellers, Mary Anne Mitchell, Steve Anderson, Patrick Flynn, Stuart Jackson, David Stankowicz, Island Liaison Mike Murray

Sellers made the motion to approve the May 24th meeting minutes. Stankowicz seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Zoning Committee: (Sellers) Home Start is hosting a public meeting on July 20th and will be presenting zoning ordinance change recommendations.

Needs Based Tickets: (Mitchell) The Catholic Church, Food Pantry, Children's Workshop and the Health Center communicate the number of tickets needed to be ordered and provided by PIC.

All Island Advisory Committee: (Sellers) This group meets quarterly. As discussed previously, the signage addressing island etiquette is being printed and will soon be posted in the CBL terminal as well as on the CBL boats. The City is collecting information related to destruction from winter moths; residents are encouraged to email Mike Murray to report major issues. msm@portlandmaine.gov. Adjusting the date for hazardous waste to an earlier date in 2018 is still being discussed, no final decision has been made. Sellers confirmed with Murray that a port-a-potty will be installed and then regularly serviced at the ball field. Murray stated that a seasonal four stall portable bathroom trailer with water and electric will be present for public use when the library construction is underway. The city hopes to deliver it to the downfront parking lot in August.

Transportation Committee: (Stankowicz) June 19th City Council meeting included the following related to mainland parking:

- Short-term solution suggested by Belinda Ray: Allow resident sticker parking on Fore Street between Waterville and Mountfort. This was passed unanimously.
- Resident sticker parking allowed on both sides of Thames Street between India and Hancock, and removing metered parking. This has been referred to the Sustainability and Transportation committee.
- Long-term solutions suggested by PIC have been referred to the Sustainability and Transportation committee.

Stankowicz stated that the next steps for PIC Transportation Committee include staying in communication with both islanders and City representatives on all efforts with impact to islander parking.

Mitchell stated there was an incident where a towing notice was posted on the street 12 hours in advance, and an islander vehicle was towed because he was unable to move the vehicle in time. Further discussion included the requirement of owner contact and flexibility in timeframe related to boat schedules.

Safety Committee: (Peñalver) The Golf Cart Ordinance verbiage has been updated. One area of concern has been changing the speed limit to 20 MPH. It has previously been noted by the Police that the previous 10 MPH speed limit was not enforceable. The change brings the regulations for golf carts in line with the rules for other vehicles and follows the island speed limit. Residents are encouraged to call the non-emergency dispatch number 207.874.8575 to report any observed concerns or problems. Information such as a description of the golf cart or number and rental company (when applicable) is important.

AM stated he has observed often that the kids take over as driver when the cart heads toward the backshore.

Further discussion included asking the police or cadet to be sure to make a loop around the island in between boat times. The attending officer stated that he is documenting the rental company and cart number as applicable when he stops golf carts for obvious violations of underage drivers and the like.

Environmental Committee: (Mitchell) The Backshore Committee has proposed sign verbiage which has been sent to the Peaks Island Land Preserve board for approval and from there will be sent to the City for approval. Exact placement of the signs is yet to be determined. A request has been submitted to Public Works, asking to increase the number of recycling containers on the island. Currently, recycling bins are located at post office and across from Hannigan's market.

June 30 is the deadline for ordering LED light bulbs at a greatly reduced cost. The order form has been published on Carol's List and Nextdoor.

This year's City Co-op Tree Planting program had more trees ordered than previous years. There has been some discussion about the rules for placement of the trees having been changed, and that some requests for trees were unfortunately denied due to placement. Revision Maine will be on island in July to discuss the proposed solar farm for the capped landfill on Peaks in a public forum sponsored by PEAT. Mitchell asked if the PIC would like to co-sponsor this public meeting. It was discussed and determined that more details are needed surrounding the purpose, agenda and content of Revision Energy's presentation for the meeting as well as the process for City approval of the project before any further decisions are made by PIC.

During a discussion regarding the full list of meetings attended by PIC members, Mitchell mentioned the Maine Island Coalition meets several times per year. Sellers stated that she participates in the All Island Advisory Council, City Neighborhood Association Meeting, the Mayor's Roundtable and the Zoning Committee. She stated that these obligations will need a replacement representative when her term ends in November.

Old Business:

Budget Reallocation: Peñalver explained that \$500 had been allocated to the Peaks Island Information Exchange for the Peaks Island Community website update effort. Mike Murray stated that a Tax ID and mailing address are required in order to process that allocation. In the event those requirements cannot be met before the closing of FY'16 office, a contingency plan for the funds was discussed. A motion and vote is also required to determine allocation for a specific dollar amount of remaining FY'16 funds unspent.

Sellers made the motion to allocate \$400 to the PITEA fund. Peñalver seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

Peñalver made the motion to allocate the amount of \$900 be allocated to PITEA, in the event the requirements are not met for the allocation to the Peaks Island Information Exchange. Sellers seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.

Fireworks: Peñalver stated that wedding parties are commonly including a fireworks display as part of the celebration, stating that there is an ordinance that does not allow fireworks within the City. Murray stated that consumer fireworks are not allowed within City limits, but that upon request professional companies may apply for a permit. Peñalver stated that advance notification would be beneficial for residents. Murray stated he would seek further information regarding current use of fireworks and whether permits are being requested.

City Council Attendees: Peñalver stated she had received a suggestion to invite At-Large City Council members to attend PIC meetings. It was discussed that the PIC typically sponsors a Candidate's Night annually.

New Business:

Memorial Day Parade: Sellers explained that she received a suggestion for the PIC to be present in the island holiday parades. It was determined to research details for the 4th of July parade in order for available PIC members to march.

Solar Farm Public Educational Meeting:

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Open Public Comment:

Jackson stated that Mayor Ethan Strimling will be setting up a table in the down front area on the island on Sunday, July 16th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. to make himself accessible in person to islanders.

AM stated that he was informed the Peaks Island solar farm project currently has all 9 required investors and is working toward the City approval process. He stated that he is hoping to host a vendor expo to be held in the fall to help educate the community about their options for solar, heat pumps and efficient water heaters.

AM stated concern regarding the condition of the ferry beach. Sellers stated that pictures and concern has been communicated to the Mayor. She stated that she was told Public Works has been made aware and will address the clean-up effort. Further discussion included the efforts made by PEAT for multiple beach clean-up days, the responsibility of the City to maintain these public areas, and concern for debris near the CMP building beach area.

AM expressed concern that the trees across from the Inn are not being replaced as they are taken down. Mitchell stated it has been suggested that trees be planted below the fence line on the slope. It was determined that additional communication would be made to City Arborist Jeff Tarling on this issue.

AM cited the public feedback session offered by CBL representative Nick Mavodones during the May 24th PIC meeting, asking for follow-up. Peñalver stated recent communication from CBL requested a September meeting. Further discussion included trying to identify a way for PIC to gather feedback from the community.

AM asked if there is any opportunity in the Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss and possibly include other neighborhoods leaders in addressing waterfront development and the impact to resident parking. Sellers stated she would talk about this in the next Neighborhood Association meeting and ask if any other neighborhood representatives would be interested in attending the transportation committee meetings.

Sellers stated that Mike Sylvester offered to attend and discuss what he has been up to in Augusta during a future PIC meeting.

Next PIC Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 6:15 pm at the Community Center

Meeting Adjournment: 7:42p.m.