

July 6, 2020

Members present: Amy Billings, Richard Combra Jr and Antone Lima.

New Business

Waban/Alley Park parking

Commissioner Amy Billings said that no one had approached the Parks Commission about changing the parking and that the proposal had come from a petition by the Oak Bluffs Association (OBA) to the Roads & Byways Committee.

Ann Smith of 2 Nashawena Avenue expressed her concern and will be forming a citizen group to gather history of the park with deeds and photos.

Commissioner Combra said that he was unaware that the parking plan had changed and he thought that they were going to discuss the old diagonal parking plan. He said that Roads & Byways Committee is just an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen and is made up of the Town Administrator, the Fire Chief, the Water Superintendent, the Police Chief, the Highway Superintendent and a Planning Board member.

Commissioner Tony Lima felt that it could cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 to survey the park area.

Sam Low of 15 Farm Pond said that the angled parking was on the Master Plan for Waban/Alley Park. He asked about what type of events are allowed.

Amy advised that wedding ceremonies are allowed but not the reception while the other events are public that people can join should they want to. She felt that there is not enough room on the road to do angle parking.

Bob Gaffey believes that angle parking is more dangerous.

Jacklyn Cavanaro said that there is not enough room on Tuckernuck Avenue to have angle parking and that the exhaust from vehicles already come into her home.

Other residents expressed their opinion against creating more parking around Waban/Alley Park.

Amy said Waban/Alley Park is part of the Copeland Plan to keep open space in the Town. That people are allowed to park on the non-park side of Nantucket Avenue and added that a Park-n-Ride is in the process of being created. She said that the Parks Commission does not encourage parking on park areas for events.

Old Business

Opening park areas & Covid-19

Commissioners were advised that music may be allowed during Phase 3 but Board of Health Agent Meegan Lancaster asked that the Parks Commission wait before allowing this activity to begin.

Comments

Amy said that the mat and signage for the wheelchair access to North Bluffs beach area will probably have to wait until spring of 2021. They will have to determine what length mats will be needed.

Meeting adjourned.