

Record of Meeting  
Select Board and  
Salmon Point Campers  
June 29, 2012

Present: BOS members Paul Hoyt, Doug Taft, Woody Woodward

Campground Manager: Ted Sawyer

CDC Members: Mike Tarantino, Chuck Renneker,

21 campers representing approx.. 14 sites

Citizens

The meeting was opened by Chair Paul H. and then turned over to Mitch B to facilitate the discussions which were by the standard guidelines for such meetings.

The topics of discussion were a wide range. Starting with a concern (and confusion) about the 6% site fee increase which most realized was instituted for the summer of 2012. Concerns about security at the campground after experiencing several break-ins during the 2012 winter. Though there were several suggestions, it was clear that the Town would continue to have police periodically check the campground but that no electronic security system would be installed by the Town. Campers encouraged the development of the remaining sites as a way to increase revenues for the Town.

The issue of the Lagoon and the Bridge were discussed with campers concerned about the depth and width of the channel and the cost to dredge and expand the opening. The campers were informed by the facilitator that there may be several issues that first must be resolved if any expansion were to occur including, historical or pre-historical preservation, shoreland zone issues and utility expansions and capacities.

Most campers felt the 2 hour visitor rule and additional fee was troublesome and that their base site fees should be increased sufficiently to cover the fee if it can be dropped. Visitors would still sign in with the Campground Manager.

The role of the CDC committee was explained by Mike T.

Campers expressed their strong belief that Salmon Point should be kept as a simple campground and not try to become something it is not. Folks do not want a store, rec hall and activities. If they did they would go to a private campground.

Some campers don't believe the electrical service base should be increased beyond 30 amps. Again they felt this was a basic campground and not a high end facility.

There were suggestions for addressing wave action erosion with rip rap, dredging the opening only by the bridge and the safety of swimmers at the point since the "ramps" seem old.

The dock fee and boat issue was a point of concern that the BOS will need to address in the future.

Many campers spoke about the value the S.P. campers bring to the town by paying a site fee which some equate to paying the equivalent in taxes plus shopping locally as well as patronizing the restaurants. They also indicated that S.P. was a long term lease campground and that transient sites just don't work.

Everyone in attendance appreciated the meeting with the Select Board members and hoped that any future fees would take into consideration the changes raised that evening along with the fact that the Town already makes several thousands of dollars above the expenses which goes back to the tax payers in the way of revenues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Mitchell Berkowitz

Facilitator for the evening.