

Recreation and Parks Meeting Minutes

02-09-10

NOTE: The following is a **summary** of matters submitted at a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws. Meetings are often recorded and tapes used as an aid.

- 1) **Call to order:** 5:02 PM: Chairman Chip Osborne called to order the special 02/09/2010 meeting requested by Mr. Peter Noyes of the Rockmore Company.
- 2) **Attendance:**
 - a) **Present (constituting a quorum):** Chip Osborne, Chuck Nyren, Sam Ganglani, Derek Norcross, Linda Rice-Collins; and Superintendent Brendan Egan.
 - b) **Absent:** Recreation Supervisor Mike Lane (excused).
- 3) **Appearance:** Peter Noyes of the Rockmore Company appeared before the Board to appeal the Board's decision to rescind the permit for float storage at Riverhead Beach made at the 01/21/10 meeting. Discussion included history of unfavorable incidents with float storage in the past; the findings of the court regarding the 2 violations of the Rivers and Waters Act as publicized in the local papers; Mr. Noyes' involvement with getting a pump out station installed in Salem; Sanitary Sewer Outflow (SSO) and Sanitary Combined Overflow (SCO); Board of Health Director Wayne Attridge's responsibilities regarding the testing of waters and closing beaches; and others who dump or have dumped into local waters. Mr. Noyes contends that: The findings publicized have nothing to do with the Rockmore floats; that the dumping was done by a former employee and was not company sanctioned; that he knows for a fact other companies are violating the laws, but doesn't want to name names; that the Board should investigate the SCO vs. SSO issue regarding the storm drains on the beaches; and queried if other companies who are caught dumping would be similarly restricted. Derek maintained that he was uncomfortable with having his name attached to an approved permit after learning of the dumping incidents, and Sam stated that Mr. Noyes had not presented anything that would sway him to change his mind. Board agreed that anyone who was caught under similar circumstances would be evaluated on a case by case basis and should expect similar results, and to uphold the rescinding of the permit in question. Mr. Noyes understands the prohibition and disagrees with the findings.
- 4) **Adjournment:**

The Board adjourned the meeting at **5:20 PM**. The next meeting has been scheduled for **7:00 PM Tuesday February 16, 2010** at the Marblehead Community Center.

Respectfully submitted: Ric Reynolds, Department Clerk