

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

Recreation & Parks Department



Recreation and Parks Meeting Minutes

10-19-10

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) **Called to order:** 10-19-10 at 7:33 P.M.

2) **Attendance:**

a) **Present (constituting a quorum):** Derek, Linda, Sam, and Chuck.

b) **Absent:** Chip; Chuck (departed at 8:25 PM).

3) **Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** made and seconded (Chuck, Sam) to approve the minutes of the 10/5/10 and 10/7/10 meetings; all in favor.

4) **Appearance:**

Jim Harshbarger, 101 Harbor Ave. appeared to propose forming a "Planning Committee" for upkeep of Chandler Hovey (see attachment). Several abutting neighbors also in attendance. Discussion included raising money and resources, opening and closing of the park, inconsistent MPD response to security issues, and strategic planning. After discussion, **Motion** made and seconded (Chuck, Sam) "that the Chandler Hovey Park improvement plan presented by the Marblehead Neck Association be approved by this Commission and further that Linda and Chuck represent the Commission on the proposed planning Committee"; all in favor.

5) **Reports:** See attached. Addendum:

a) **Brendan:**

i) Vandalism at Fort Sewall bathrooms: beer bottles and pumpkins smashed in the facilities; Brendan planning on closing the facilities by the end of the month and hopes to get the magnetic doors with timers installed this winter.

ii) Sam inquired about the sign at the entrance to Fountain Park; Brendan will check on what it says.

iii) New Business items:

(1) **Request** under consideration.

(2) **John Thompson** of Boys Lacrosse wants to be included at the next spring sports committee meeting; Brendan to put him in touch with Linda.

(3) **Recycling bins** in the parks are full; Brendan is working with the Board of Health to adjust the recycling trucks' routes to include the parks.

b) **Mike:** No addendum.

6) **Old business:**

a) **Linda** inquired about the status of the Stramski Pier project. Brendan heard from the Harbormaster that all appeals have been addressed and the Harbors and Waters Board is now moving forward on funding and designs.

b) **Linda** inquired about the status of the Gerry Playground project. Brendan reports that designs have been agreed upon and work should begin before the snow flies. Brendan will provide the Board with the final design.

7) **New business:**

a) **Correspondence (see attached):**

(1) **To be decided:** Mass Audubon request: request tabled until Chip can report on his discussions with the Audubon representative.

(2) **FYI:** (No actions required): Zoning Board Legal Notice.

MARBLEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTER

8) **Timekeeping/Scheduling:**

- a) 8:45 PM: Meeting adjourned.
- b) Next meeting scheduled: Tuesday November 9, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Marblehead Community Center.

Respectfully submitted: Ric Reynolds, Department Clerk

Attachments:

- *Notice of meeting/agenda*
- *Chandler Hovey presentation*
- *Reports: Superintendent and Recreation Supervisor*
- *Correspondence: Legal notice*



DATE POSTED:

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MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MGL 30A §§18-25

Recreation and Parks Commission

Name of Board/Committee

Address of Meeting: 10 Humphrey St., Marblehead, MA 01945 Room: Conference

Tuesday
Day of week

October
Month

19
Date

2010
Year

7:30 PM
Time

Agenda or Topics to be discussed listed below (That the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed)

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – October 7, 2010

7:30 Jim Harshbarger - Marblehead Neck Improvement Association

Reports:

Superintendent Brendan Egan and Assistant Superintendent C Michael Lane

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting: November 9, 2010 7:30 p.m.

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

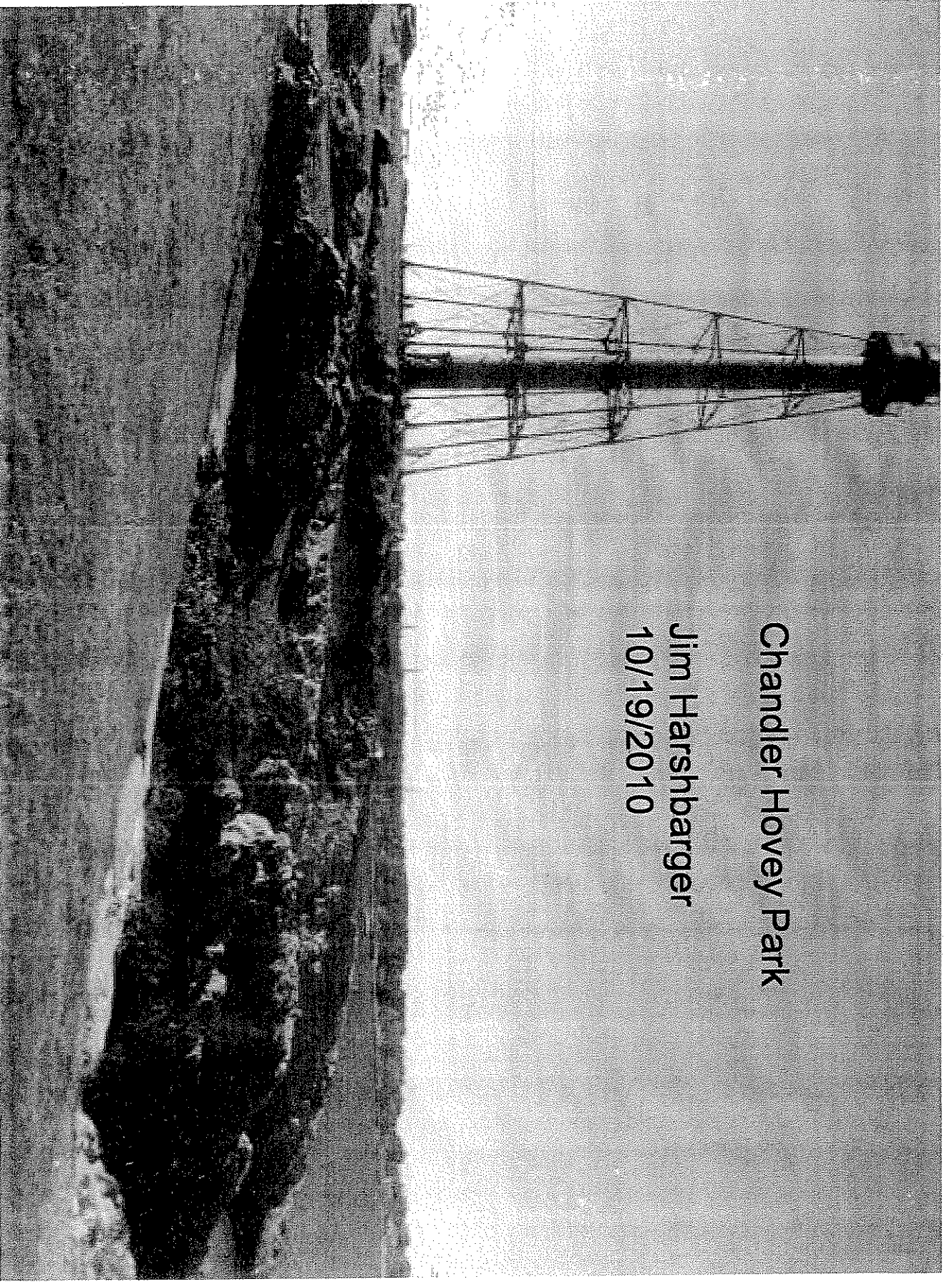
Chairperson Chip Osborne

Posted by: Brendan Egan

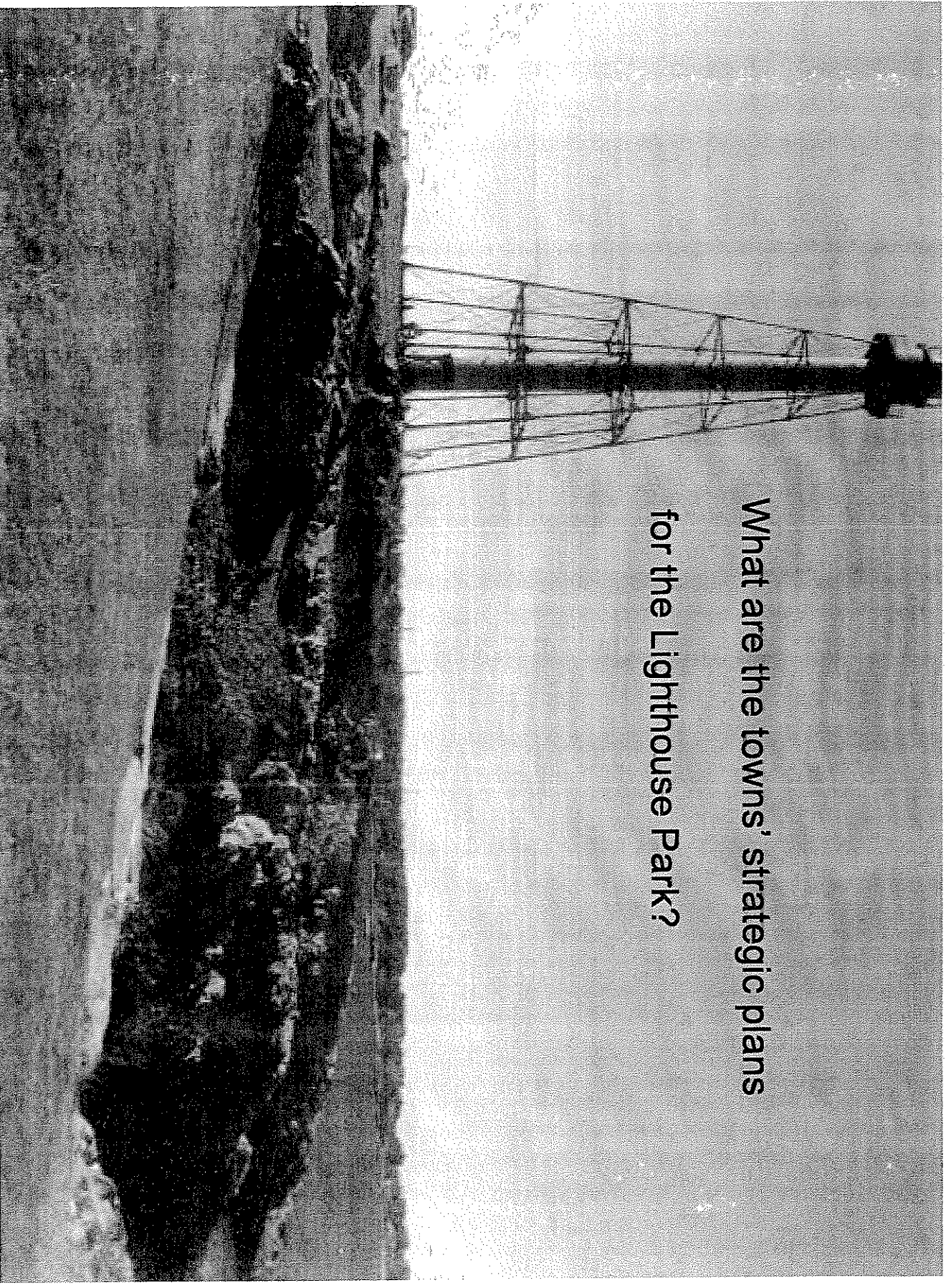
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Chandler Hovey Park

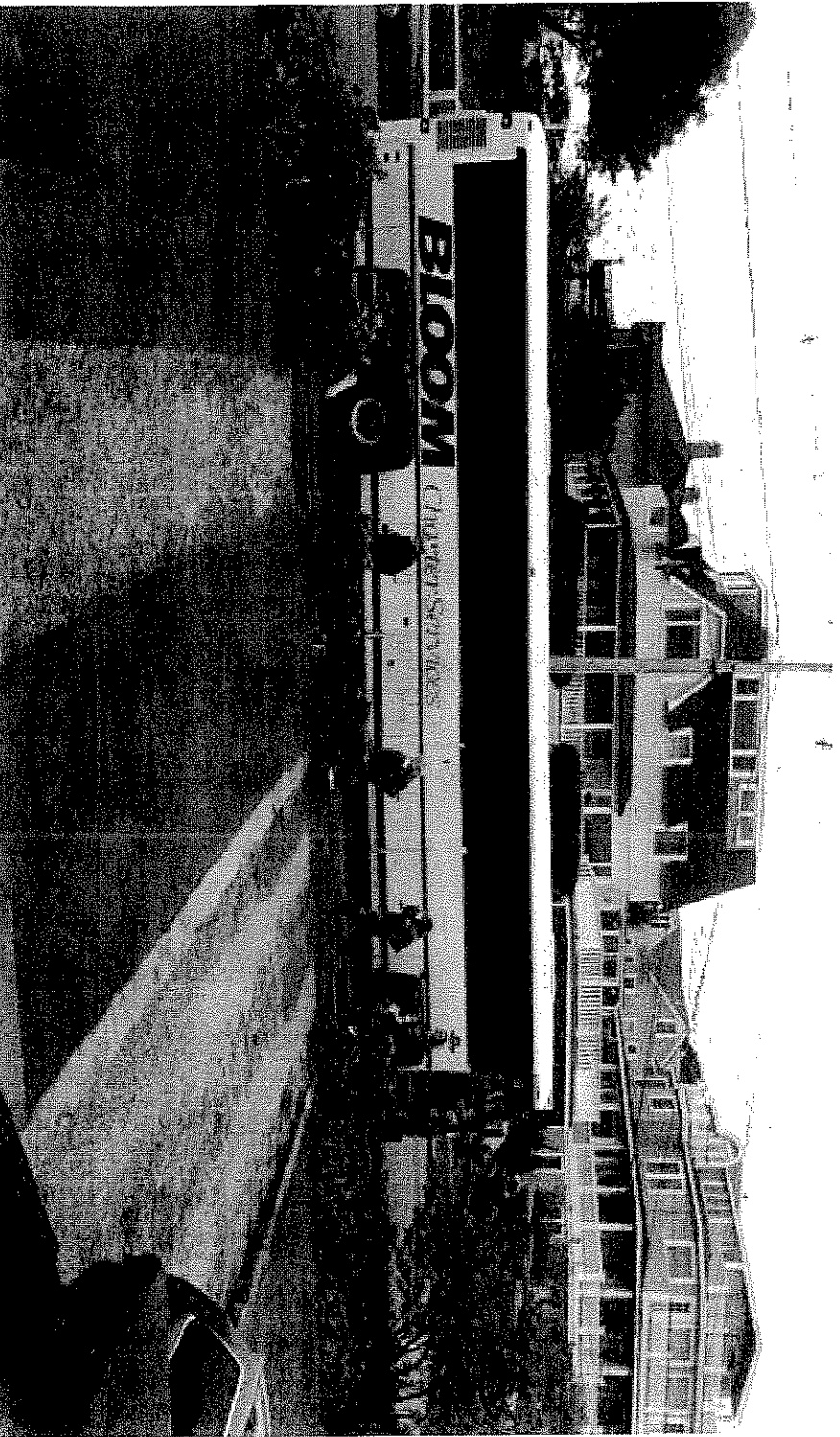
Jim Harshbarger
10/19/2010



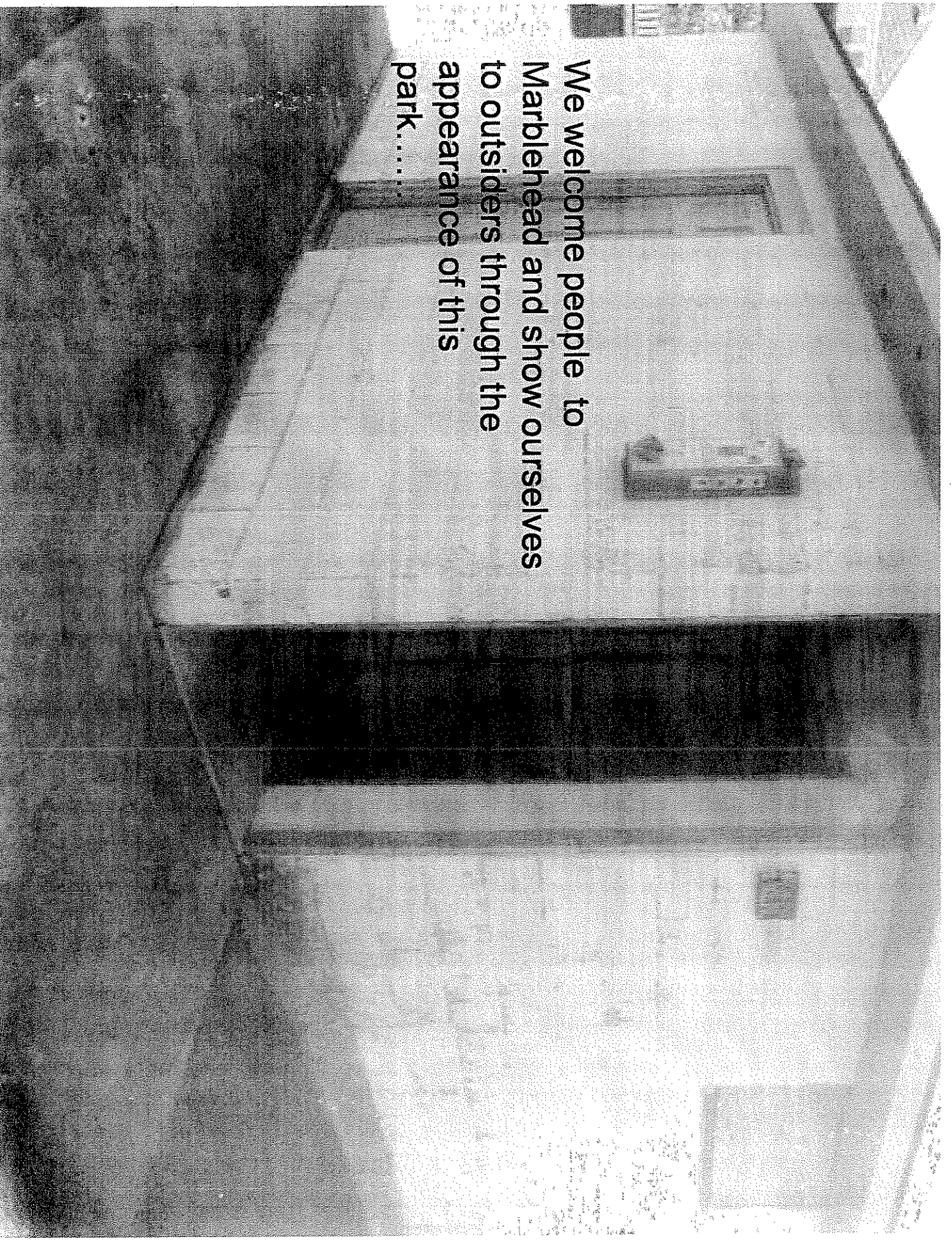
What are the towns' strategic plans
for the Lighthouse Park?



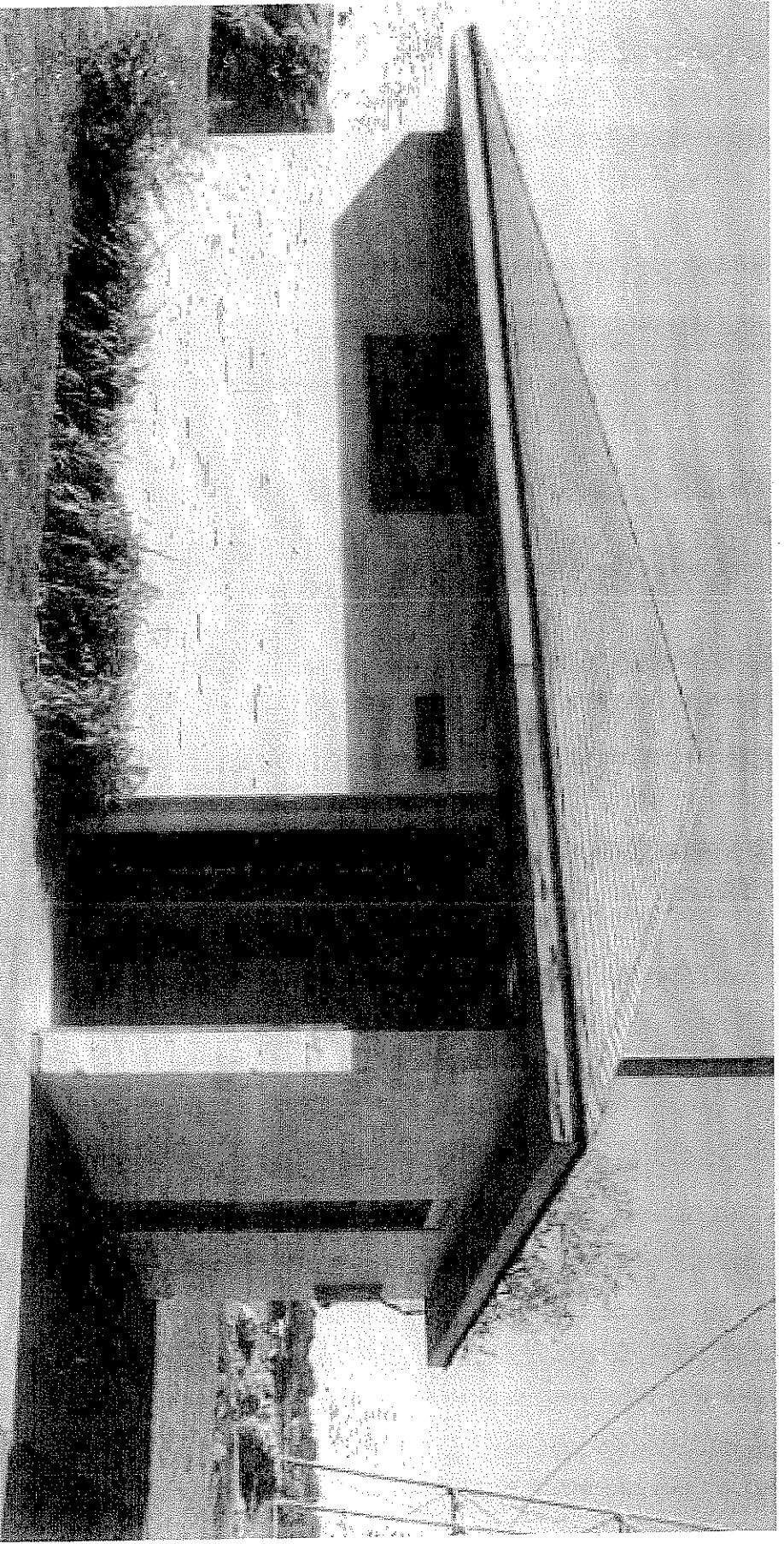
- When I was walking to the park, I wondered what these buses were doing, parked there...
- They were sightseeing from the Black Falcon Terminal at South Boston with tourists disembarking from cruise ships in Boston for the day. They also come from tours like T auk and the hotel circuit tours from Boston, the Leaf Peakers are out now. When this picture was taken in September, there were 7 buses at the Lighthouse!
- Buses can get to few places in MHD- what are you, the town representatives, messaging at the Lighthouse??
- What they saw was the breathtaking view of harbor, ocean and town and probably the surroundings too.....




**We welcome people to
Marblehead and show ourselves
to outsiders through the
appearance of this
park.....**



Landscaping, checked paint, plywood windows, graffiti, remnants of dead trees and discarded concrete imbedded posts are seen by all.





How many versions of benches
and tables and what strategy is
followed?

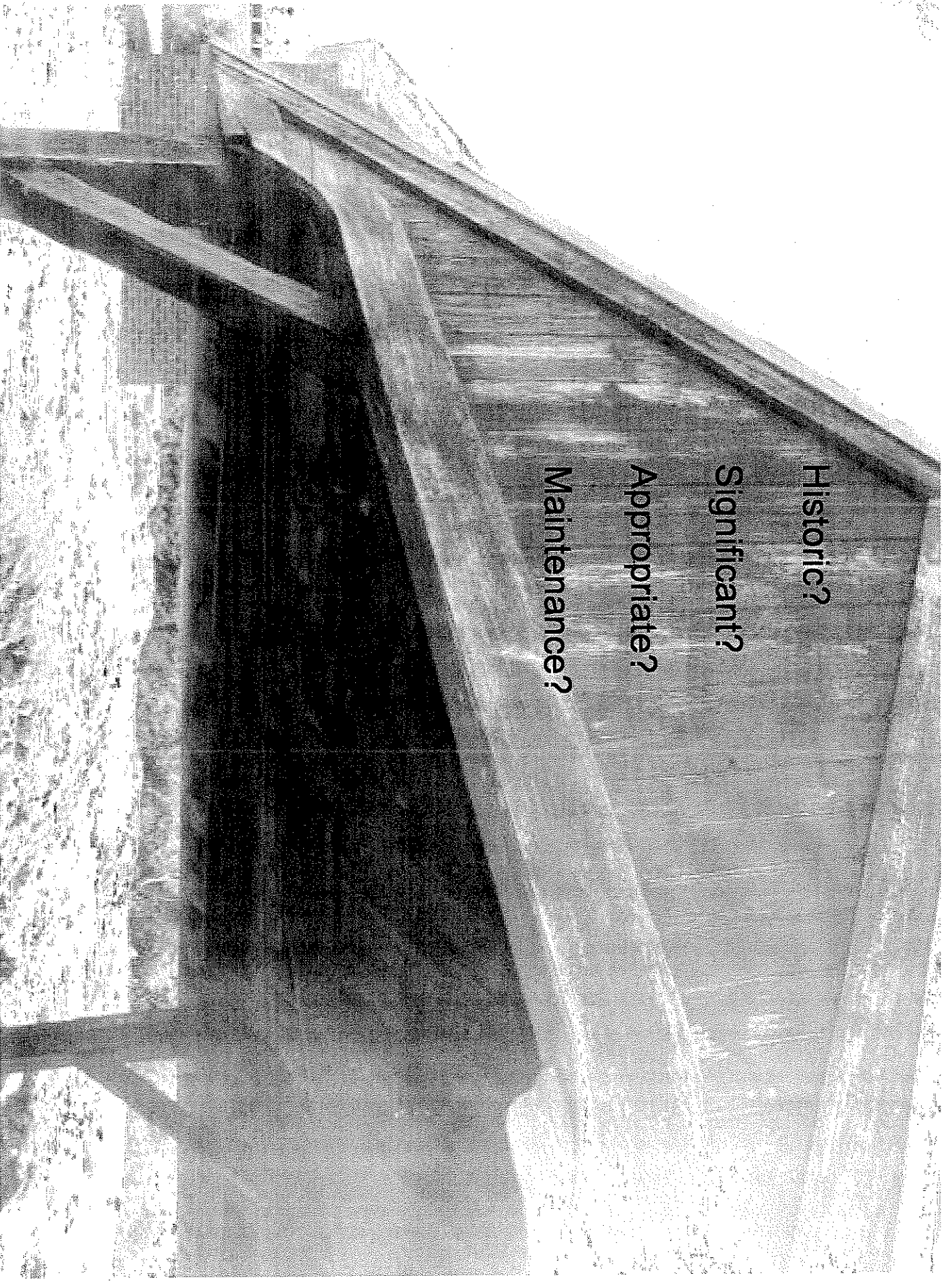
Who maintains?

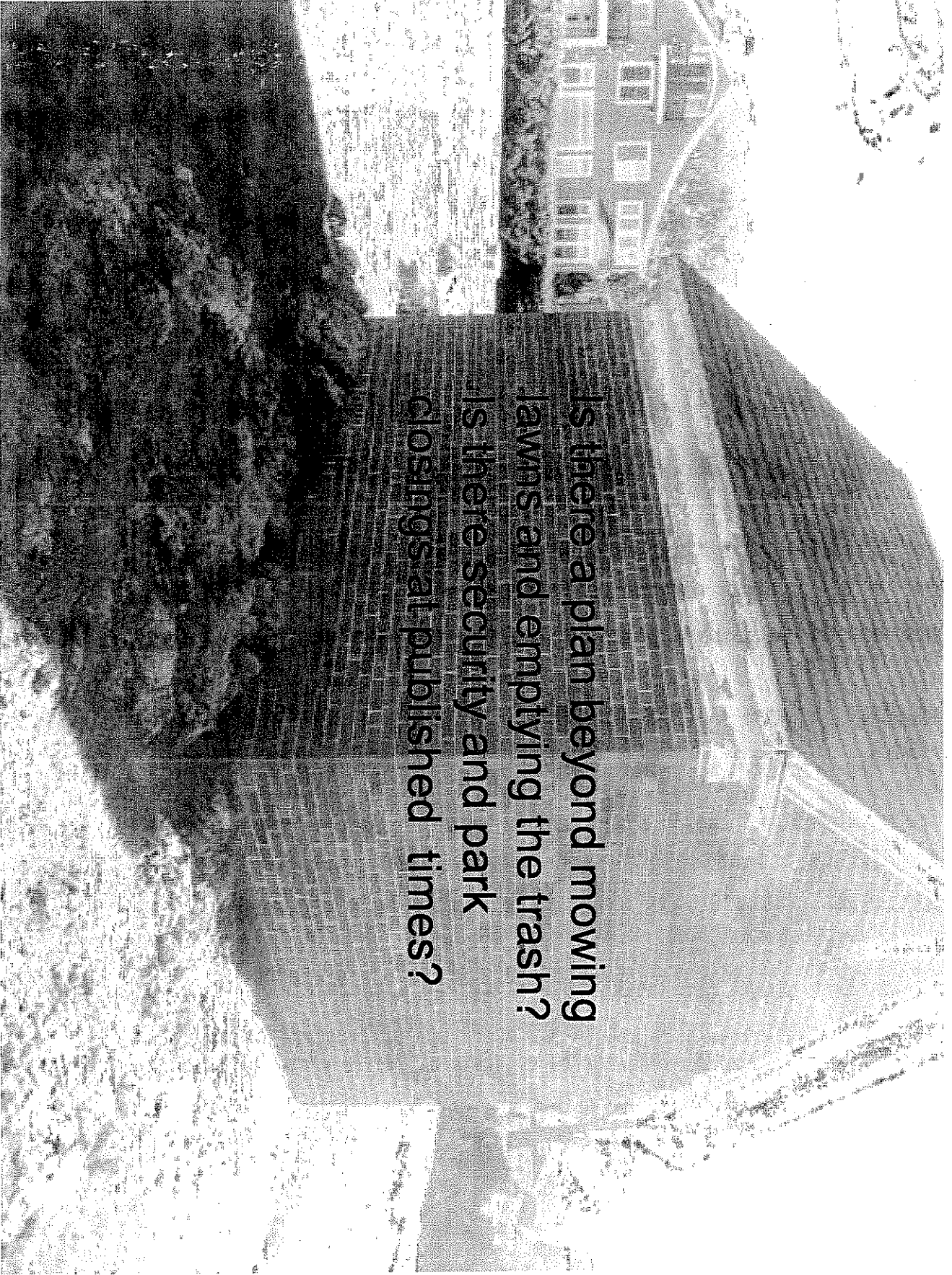
Historic?

Significant?

Appropriate?

Maintenance?

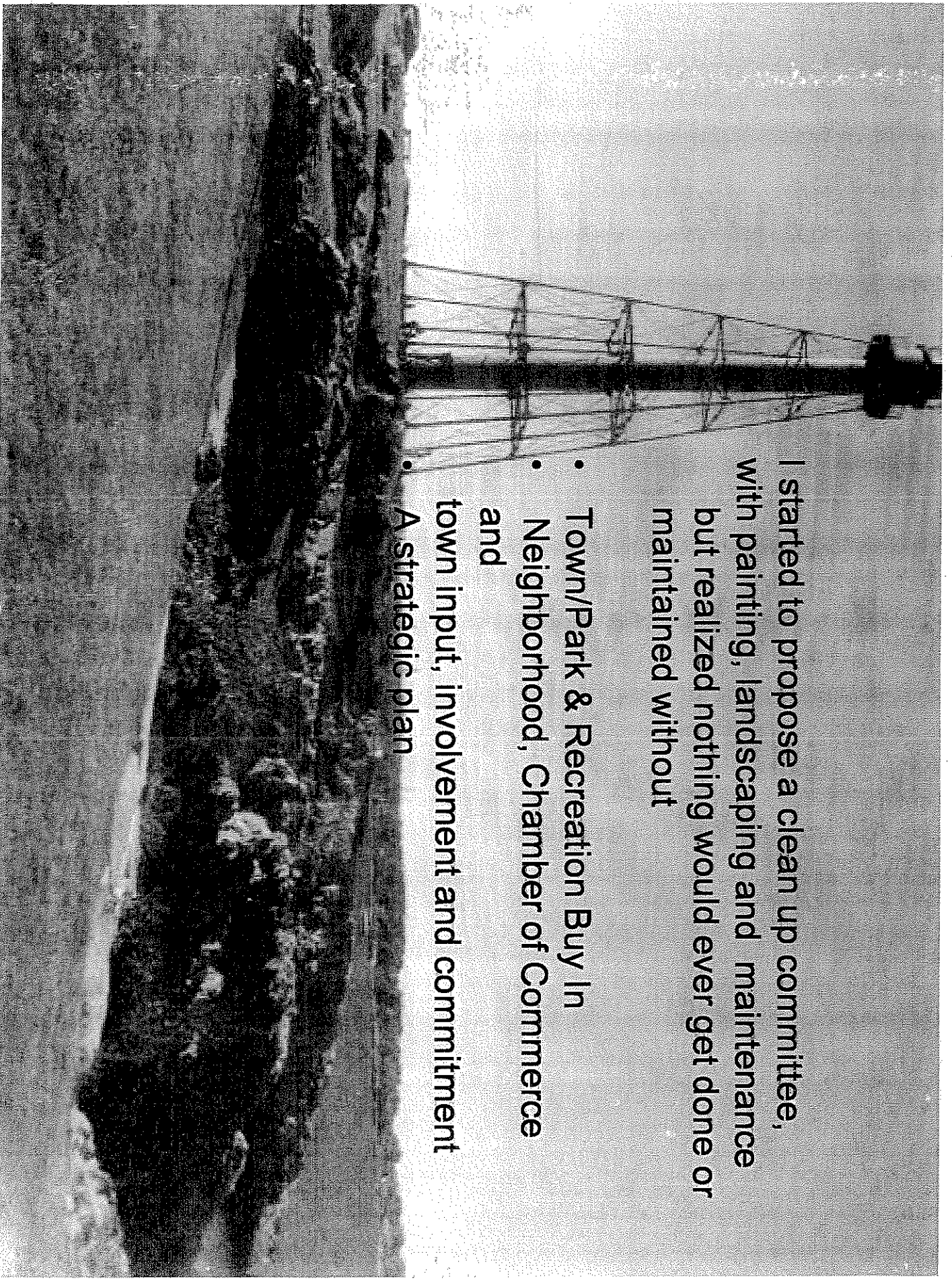




Is there a plan beyond mowing
lawns and emptying the trash?
Is there security and park
closings at published times?

I started to propose a clean up committee,
with painting, landscaping and maintenance
but realized nothing would ever get done or
maintained without

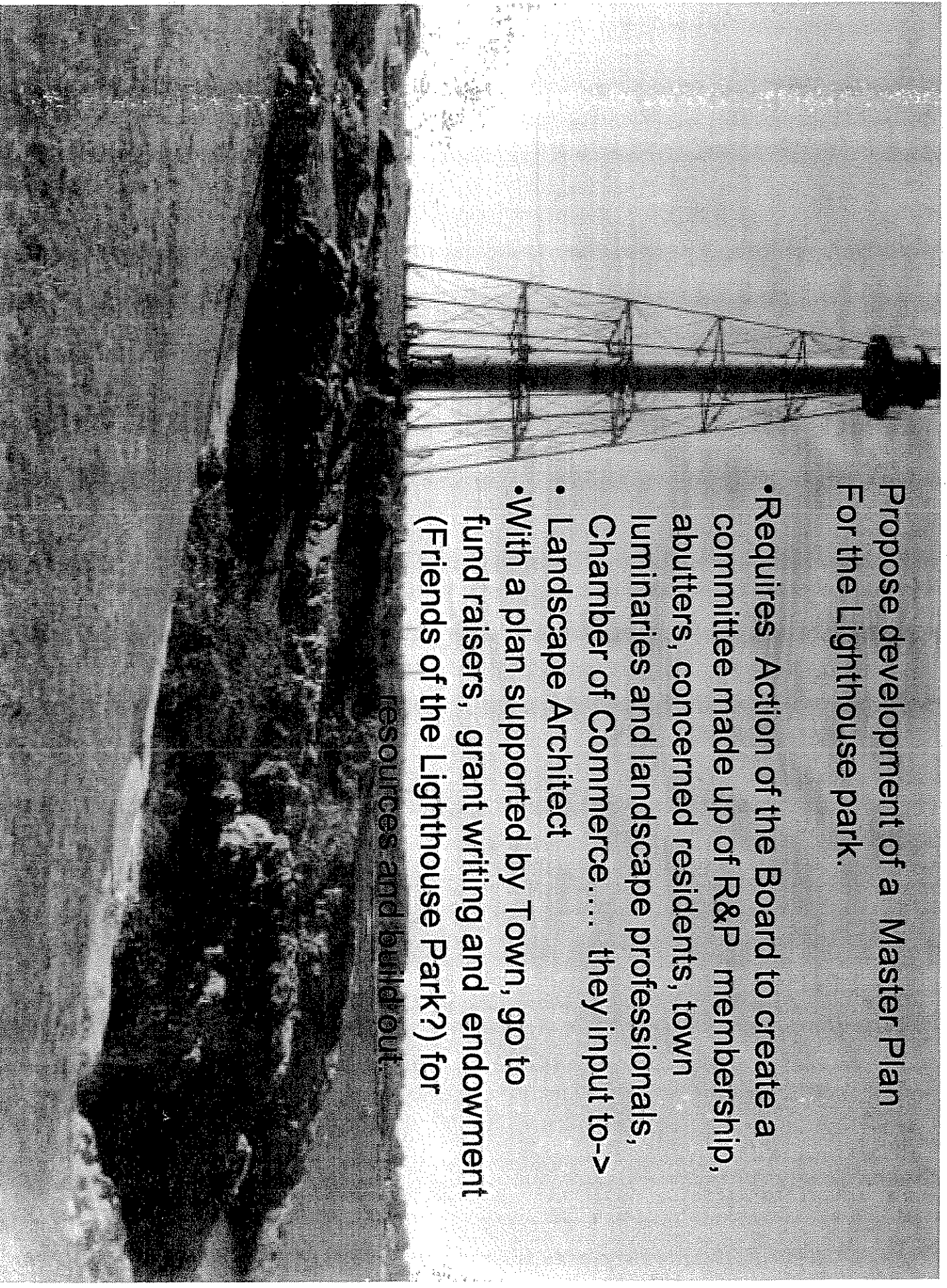
- Town/Park & Recreation Buy In
- Neighborhood, Chamber of Commerce
and
town input, involvement and commitment
- A strategic plan

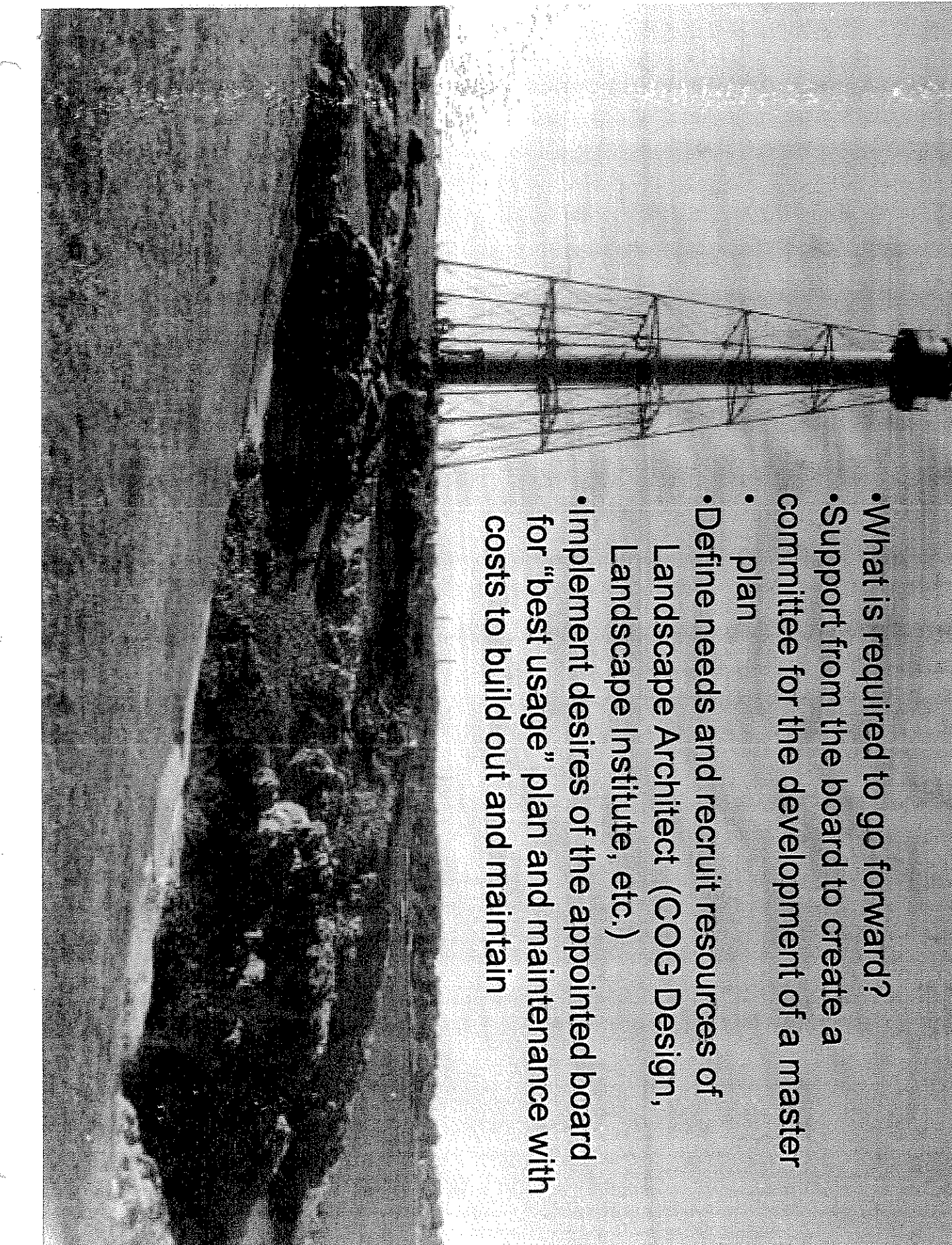


Propose development of a Master Plan
For the Lighthouse park.

- Requires Action of the Board to create a committee made up of R&P membership, abutters, concerned residents, town luminaries and landscape professionals, Chamber of Commerce.... they input to->
- Landscape Architect
- With a plan supported by Town, go to fund raisers, grant writing and endowment (Friends of the Lighthouse Park?) for

resources and build out.



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- What is required to go forward?
 - Support from the board to create a committee for the development of a master
 - plan
 - Define needs and recruit resources of Landscape Architect (COG Design, Landscape Institute, etc.)
 - Implement desires of the appointed board for "best usage" plan and maintenance with costs to build out and maintain



The Big Question:

What actions should be taken
by the Park & Recreation
Board toward this Park and
when?

Thank you,
Jim Harshbarger
Marblehead Resident

Recreation Commission Meeting

October 19, 2010

Superintendent's Report

Park Maintenance

All of the fields have been aerated and fertilized and seeding will be completed this week. Reggie has moved back to his fall / winter schedule and working mostly indoors. We will begin shutting down the restrooms at Ft. Sewall, Chandler Hovey, Hamond Nature Center, the beach and then Gatchells and Green St when the youth sports season is over.

Crocker Park

At the October 7, 2010 the bid for the pier head work was awarded to North Shore Marine out of Salem. The contract has been sent to North Shore Marine and should be back in this office by the end of the week. They would like to begin work next week.

Fountain Park

The Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor has completed their project at Fountain Park. On Friday, October 15, Rotary member, Tim Havens brought in his crew to set up staging, strip the old roof, apply new sheathing, drip edge and shingles. By the end of the day they had half of the roof shingled and all debris removed from the site. On Saturday, October 16 they completed the roof and the volunteers began sanding and staining the memorial benches. The project was completed on Sunday morning before lunch. I will be sending the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor a thank you on behalf of this department for all of their hard work.

Flag Pole Work

I have received a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 towards a new flagpole at Seaside Park. I received a phone call from Jim Nye regarding the Shattuck Fund and he said they will support our request for the remainder of the funds. I will be submitting the application by the end of the week.

NRPA National Congress

I will be attending the National Recreation & Park Association National Congress in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 25 – 29. As president of MRPA I will be representing the state of Massachusetts and the Town of Marblehead. The MRPA will be covering all of my expenses. In my absence Mike will be in charge and will work with Pete James on any maintenance issues. They will work together on the field status in the event of inclement weather and will notify the Athletic Director if the fields need to be closed. I have spoken with Mark Tarmey and he will contact this office directly if he is concerned about field conditions.

New Business:

1. Bench Request – Chandler Hovey
2. Youth Sports Spring field meeting
3. Recycling in the parks

Assistant Superintendent/Director of Recreation Report

October 19, 2010

RECREATION

Another new program has been scheduled to begin on November 1st. **"TAKE IT OUTDOORS"** will take place at the Hamond Nature Center. This program will teach children how to enjoy the outdoors and respect their environment. The response for this years **Halloween Contest** has been great and the homes will be judged in the evening this week. Although all my efforts have failed thus far with the Attitash prices I have made headway and I am now in contact with the GM for **Attitash**. I hope to have our prices secure by weeks end. This has been very frustrating for me. Years ago Attitash paid alot more attention to this program. Over the past few years I have had to do more and more of the research myself. This year I have been unable to get any responses. My thoughts turn to giving our business to another mountain however Attitash is the draw not only for it's mountain but it's amenities as well.

BEACH

I continue to open and clean the restrooms daily as well as perform litter patrol at the beach. The weather has cooperated and there has been no worry about freezing temps. I plan to continue this service until the end of the month at which time I will winterize the restrooms, take in the grills and cover our beautiful signage for the winter. On a side note, the good weather has allowed me to continue to get a few more items off the check list for the boats.

EQUIPMENT

Park #7 will head into the shop next week for repairs and upon completion of the bodywork it will be worked on to pass inspection.



**Town of Marblehead
Zoning Board of Appeals**

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Fax: 781-631-2617

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD
BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:45 PM** in the Selectmen's meeting room, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, on the application of **James & Amy Hourihan** to vary the application of the present Zoning By-law by allowing a Special Permit for the construction of new steps and landing leading to the main front entrance at **8 Fort Sewall Lane, Map 168 Parcel 10**, in a Shoreline Single Residence District. The new construction is within the front yard setback on a pre-existing non-conforming property with less than the required front yard setback, rear yard setback, side yard setback and exceeds the maximum height allowed.

This hearing is held in accordance with the provisions of the Marblehead Zoning Bylaw, and Chapter 40A of the General Laws as amended. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Plans and information are available for inspection at the Town of Marblehead Engineering Department, 7 Widger Road, Marblehead, MA.

Alan Lipkind, Secretary
Board of Appeals