Meeting called to order at 7:06
In attendance: Carmen Jaquier, Beth Kelly Jeff Parker, Cheryl Baggen

2/26/21 Minutes approved as amended

Review Plan - proposed deck project at 58 Eaton St.
Kelly Carson and Carol Parker's plan for modifying deck

Plans and pictures showed proposed work - raise a back door deck to meet the height of a side deck and add a connector.
Gutter will be extended. New footings for added connecting piece.
Not near the Pond.
Committee approved a motion to send a notice to the Building Dept that the WPAC has no concerns regarding this project.

Discussion with Officer Ron Holsinger
Carmen's comments:
Ron Holsinger - has been helpful regarding issues around the Pond.
Thanked Officer Holsinger for his help and information he has provided thus far.

Officer Holsinger:
outlined the number of officers available during any given shift, noting that one officer is generally assigned to West Concord.

Re White Pond - on nice days the Department may be able to supplement the usual 4 officers assigned each shift with officers on bikes with a focus on conservation areas.

Patrols are directed depending on complaints and concerns.
Difficulty with Police called to issues at Sachem Cove is access, as ideally officers should not to be far from their car in case of emergency.

Carmen noted that there can be over 100 people at Sachem Cove and no lifeguard and access would also be an issue if an emergency should arise at the Cove. She noted that rangers are not there to tell people they cannot swim.
Officer H indicated that it is difficult to make swimming at Sachem a violation. Most people will say they are not aware of the Town regulations regarding swimming and in most instances will move off when asked to do so by a police officer. He noted that if individuals became argumentative then a bylaw violation would most likely be issued. If there is an open container violation, the matter is more straightforward as this would be a criminal violation. If someone reports seeing an individual drinking alcohol on the beach then Police will come. Howard, at 27 Hemlock Street, informed Officer H that the police could park at his house if they needed access to Sachem Cove as his house is the closest to the Cove.

Jane Hotchiss said a year-round ranger (Phil Brooks) has recently been hired by the Town.

Beth noted that Saturday and Sunday are the days when most issues arise and it would be beneficial to have rangers around on both days.

Officer H assured attendees that individuals should never hesitate to call the police. If the police have a more urgent matter, they will attend to the most urgent and then proceed to other calls as soon as possible. He stated that the Department was aware of potential issues associated with the opening of the BFRT.

Andrea stated that it was important to set the message early in the summer that Sachem Cove was not available for swimming otherwise visitors pass on the message to friends/family that Sachem Cove is a good swimming location.

Katie Blair suggested that COVID could be a tool the Town could use to limit the number of people at Sachem.

Pam Reed - Dover Property Owners Association.
Pam presented a document outlining issues related to the swimming at Sachem Cove that homeowners in the White Pond area thought the Town should be aware of, particularly regarding the speed of drivers coming down Dover Street to drop off and pick up people accessing the Pond via Sachem Cove. (Document attached to the minutes.)

Related issues discussed:
Town portable sign - flashing **no swimming no alcohol, no trash** for 2 - 3 weeks at the start of the summer.

It was noted that no parking signs and speed limit signage is sufficient, but the problem is enforcement.
Officer H noted that Dover Street, while private, is managed by the Town to a certain extent due to the fact that the Town well is located off of the Street. He stated that it was unlikely the Town would install speed bumps in the neighborhood, but the neighborhood could seek permission to install their own - permission would be granted by the Town Management Group.
Jane Hotchkiss requested that she be copied if Homeowners sought permission to install speed bumps and on any copies of Pam Reed’s document that was forwarded to Town officials.

Jim offered history regarding the speed limit and no parking signs - no control until the 70s when no parking signs went up. First summer 200 cars were towed and word got out and many fewer people were accessing Sachem Cove for swimming.

Officer H explained speed limit laws.- State came out and determined that the private roads around White Pond should be the lowest possible - which is 20 MPH. On abutting streets there is no limit but closely settled areas have a 25MPH limit. It is possible to put up advisory limits lower than 25MPH, but no lower than 20 MPH. He suggested that concerned homeowners check with the engineering and highway department as to the cost of advisory signs, and noted that such signs would have to be approved by the Town Management Group.

David asked how parking at the beach lot is going to be managed?

Andrea stated that the previous owners - White Pond Associates - hired a person to sit at the entrance of the parking lot to manage what cars could enter.

Parking is currently allowed on Alden - individuals on that street would have to apply for no parking signs and go through approval. Hard to restrict parking when there is no safety issue.

Carmen recommended that Pam send her document to all of the property owners in the Whitie Pond area and stated that it would be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Carmen asked Officer H whether the Police department had engaged in any advanced planning regarding BFRT and Cory North development in Sudbury. Officer H stated that with regard to the BFRT, the Town had purchased more electric trail bikes and was in process of training more officers in the use of these bikes. He also stated that there had been a meeting regarding the Cory North development but the plan for that development was not finalized.

Pam will follow up with the cost of speed bumps and Jane Hotchkiss noted that the issue of storage had to be considered as well given that the speed bumps had to be removed during the winter.

**BFRT site walks.** Update by Carmen

Marsha Rasmussen (Town Planner) had a discussion with Mass DOT and she learned that the current fencing plans for the last ½ mile of the trail had not been reviewed by DOT and that since DOT owned the property on either side of the trail, and it did not allow fencing unless an area was dangerous, the current fencing plans were void. DOT allowed wooden rail fence to protect a vernal pool and in an area near Whitie Pond because the land falls away and could be a danger to bikers. Nothing will happen until 2023, the earliest Sudbury will have finalized plans.
for its portion of the trail. Town is aware of the need to protect White Pond so it will come up with a new fencing plan.

**Monofilament fishing line recycling receptacles**  
Beth Kelly was able to obtain some free monofilament fishing line recycling receptacles. Berkeley, a company that makes these receptacles, agreed to send a few for use at White Pond. Receptacles will have to be maintained. It was suggested that Berkeley be publicly thanked via The Patch. It was also noted that the receptacles should be well labeled so they are used for filaments only.

Meeting adjourned 8:51