**Minutes of the Treasure Chest Committee**

March 9, 2023: 5:00 PM

Harwich Town Hall: Small Room

Committee Members Present: Eric Fahle, Ellie Gerson, Mary Moody, and Maureen (Reenie) Davis

Alt. Committee Member Present: Jean Bulger

Selectmen Present: Larry Ballantine

Treasure Chest Volunteers Present: None

Others Present: None

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1. Quorum:

A quorum of Treasure Chest Committee members was present at the meeting and the meeting was opened.

2. Old Business:

**Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2023:**

Treasure Chest Committee members were asked to read the draft Treasure Chest Committee Meeting minutes of January 12, 2023, for acceptance by the Committee. It was noted that Jean Bulger was listed as a Treasure Chest Volunteer instead of an Alternate Committee Member and that Linda Cohen was present at the meeting. After the Committee members had a chance to review the draft minutes, Eric asked for a motion to accept the Treasure Chest Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2023. Ellie made the motion to accept the minutes. Reenie 2nd the motion and the Treasure Chest Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes of January 12, 2023, as amended.

**Elect Vice Chair of the Treasure Chest Committee:**

Reenie indicated that she would be willing to serve as Vice Chair of the Treasure Chest Committee. The Committee thought Reenie would be an excellent choice for Vice Chair of the Treasure Chest Committee. Ellie made a motion to elect Reenie as the Vice Chair of the Treasure Chest Committee. Eric 2nd the motion and the Committee voted unanimously to elect Reenie as the Vice Chair of the Treasure Chest Committee.

**Stickers:**

Larry has shown Ellie the new stickers that attach to the inside of the windshield. The new stickers will begin to be sold in June. The Committee indicated a willingness to continue to sell stickers at the Treasure Chest. Larry would prefer that the residents purchase their Treasure Chest stickers elsewhere but that we could still sell stickers at the Treasure Chest. The Committee discussed the possibility of having a resident work off tax debt by selling stickers at the Treasure Chest. Larry said there are certain rules that would need to be followed. Ellie will establish a procedure to drop of the proceeds of sticker sales. Vehicles with red stickers shall be allowed access to the Treasure Chest until June. After that, only the vehicles with green stickers shall be allowed entrance to the Treasure Chest.

3. New Business**:**

**Suggested Revisions to the Treasure Chest Operational Guidelines:**

The Committee discussed having the Treasure Chest Volunteers annually review the Treasure Chest Operational Plan/Guidelines and sign a new Acknowledgement of the Treasure Chest Operational Plan/Guidelines. Hereby acknowledging that they have reviewed and will abide by the Operational Plans/Guidelines and knowing that failure to do so could result in their losing their privilege to volunteer at the Treasure Chest. The Committee will also continue to discuss revising the hours of operation as listed in Treasure Chest Operation Guideline No. 3 and revising the items not accepted as listed in Treasure Chest Operational Guideline No. 17.

**Treasure Chest Site Visit:**

DPW Director Link Hooper and Cody met with Ellie, Heather, and Cindy at the Treasure Chest to discuss potential operational and maintenance issues to address. Items to address included:

* Removal of a storage trailer and two broken benches,
* Maybe new outdoor tables,
* New painted lines, and
* Restripe parking lines.

Overall, Link and Cody were pleased with the operation and willing to help. The Garden Club may also place a planter outside of the Treasure Chest entrance gate. There was also discussion regarding updating Treasure Chest website. Jean will assist Link with updating the website.

**Allowing Treasure Chest Volunteers Who Lost Their Privilege to Volunteer to Again Become a Volunteer:**

Ellie proposed that former Volunteers who have lost their privilege to volunteer at the Treasure Chest should be given a second chance to volunteer. This proposal was not supported by the Committee. After a brief discussion, Ellie made a motion not to allow Treasure Chest Volunteers who lost their privilege to volunteer to again become a Volunteer. The motion was 2nd and the Committee unanimously approved Ellie’s motion.

**Treasure Chest Volunteer Compliance Update:**

A Treasure Chest customer complained that a Volunteer was rude to them when turning away items that they wanted to donate. This was the second time that a customer has complained about this Volunteer. Ellie said she would work with the Volunteer and that a Shift Supervisor should make the determination as to what items are acceptable if there is a disagreement. She will also inform the Volunteer that a third complaint could mean losing the privilege to volunteer at the Treasure Chest.

4. Set Dates for Next Meetings:

The Treasure Chest Committee scheduled the next meeting for May 11, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the Small Room at Town Hall.

5. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ellie and Reenie 2nd the motion to adjourn the meeting. The Treasure Chest Committee adjourned their meeting at 5:59 PM.