

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Fort Williams Park
Playground Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Present: Curtis Kelly (CK) and Doreen Theriault (DT)

Staff: Kathy Raftice, (KR) Community Services and Fort Williams Park Director, Andrea Southworth, (AS) Friends of Fort Williams and Jeff Tarling, (JT) Tree Warden, Town of Cape Elizabeth

Public: Hannah White, (HW) 13 Rocky Hill Rd

Call to Order: KR called meeting to order at 5:30 pm

KR introduced the two new participants, Andrea Southworth Friends of Fort Williams and Jeff Tarling, Tree Warden, Town of Cape Elizabeth. KR shared that JT had worked in Portland and South Portland on the development and maintenance of many playgrounds. JT then shared many of his experiences with different vendors and some findings both positive and things to avoid as we move forward. AS shared her vision on things she hopes to see as the build develops. She would like to see a welcoming entrance that identifies both the playground and the Children's Garden. We discussed the location and possibilities with expansion towards the pine trees in future years. Discussed Landscape Architects, ADA and Inclusive equipment. The need for pathways and transitions. DT shared that we need to recognize the Children's Garden and Fort Williams Park offers many climbing and exploring options. We need to make sure we include equipment for children to play on. CK shared that swings are the number one used apparatus at playgrounds. Regina Leonard is a possible outreach. Next steps: CK and KR will measure the area identified, KR spoke with PW and they will conduct test pits to determine depth in the area once measured, team will come back with the five options they would like to have included, check out Payson Park playground in Portland, HW feels a survey may help and donations discussion.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Raftice