

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
October 24, 2019
Minutes

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PRESENT:

George Mutch
Paul Brooks
Frank Geary
Pat O'Leary
Nancy Blazo
Jim Sullivan

NOT PRESENT:

Paul Milone, Harbormaster
Karen Graham

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Christine Malloy, Recording Secretary

Chairman Mutch called the meeting of the Waterfront Committee to order at 7:00PM.

WALKWAY BETWEEN BEACHES – UPDATE

Mr. Luongo reported the rough cost estimate is \$4.5 million which includes repair and extension of revetment walkway on revetment and new vegetation.

The next round of Seaport Economic Grant is due in November; the maximum they will grant is 1 million. It appears the Seaport Economic Grant will fund this project; the town needs to find out if the town will fund the balance of the project. The town is having an internal meeting to decide do they want to apply in November or May for this grant. Weymouth needs to come up with 20% of the cost of this project. Seascape Condos will provide some monies towards this project.

Still waiting to hear on the permits. Chapter 91 license may not hear until spring. The town is wondering what other grants can it apply for. Town looking for the fish gate monies; culvert on Randolph Street.

Not optimistic, will submit the grant this November; probably in spring when they know where monies are coming from. If any more push back than spring, Mr. Luongo is worried this project will sit on the shelf, permits will expire, etc. He would like to push for November to apply.

Mr. Luongo reported he has looked at breaking the project up and doing vegetation at separate project. It doesn't make sense to do separate projects. Mr. Geary suggests do walkway as 2nd Phase. Mr. Luongo stated that is a good suggestion.

Chairman Mutch stated it could be helpful to break the project up into two phases. Is there a way to give a breakdown of what each step costs so when the complaints come in, we can address with this breakdown?

Mr. Luongo stated CPC funds will be available for this project. The walkway could have an opportunity for a bond. Can bond if Mayor wants to go that route. Need to discuss with the grant writer.

Mr. Sullivan asked is the state limited to 1 million per project or per year? Mr. Luongo stated per project.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN – UPDATE

Mr. Luongo asked everyone to please take the new follow-up survey. The new Open Space Plan will be ready in December. The final comment on the plan will be present to the Planning Board and sent to the state as a draft and then approved for seven years.

10A PERMITS

Chairman Mutch tabled this topic until next meeting. There are restrictions on how and when a Harbormaster can issue a 10A permit.

OTHER BUSINESS

KAYAK RAMP

Chairman Mutch – doing work on it

Mr. Luongo stated he thinks its Steve Reilly and Recreation Department.

Trying to make more inviting down there. Thinking about putting in temporary floats in that area to help get back in at the low tide. Trailer pass for kayaks?

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee will be held on November 21, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 7:40PM. Ms. Nancy Blazo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. ADJOURNED.

Approved by:



Paul Brooks

Dated:

1-16-20