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WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
May 23, 2019
Minutes

PRESENT:

George Mutch, Chairman
Paul Milone
Frank Geary
Karen Graham
Jim Sullivan

NOT PRESENT:

Pat O'Leary, Vice Chairman
Nancy Blazo

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Mary Ellen Schloss, Conservation Administrator

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

MINUTES – February 21, 2018

Discussion about minutes: cannot approve minutes didn't have a quorum in attendance at 2/21 meeting.

Harbormaster's Report

→ Mr. Milone stated floats are in, launch ramp is in good shape and parking lot doesn't drain well - has puddles. State access board has been very helpful – fixed the floats and plastic tubes. Back River is well overdue for maintenance dredging. Wants to seek grants & state funding. Can we use waterways as a match? Was told there was \$400K from Bond Bill for testing & permitting. Need to look into this to see if the money is there. **500K**

Chairman Mutch stated having 3 hours per day where the larger vessels are restricted from getting out of the Back River Basin.

Mr. Milone stated he wants to dredge 8 ft. MLLW (Mean Low Lower Water) at the ramp-this is the only place they are having trouble.

Mr. Milone stated he discussed with Andrew Hultin the possibility of installing floats at the Fore River Canoe Launch (Weymouth Landing Station)

Mr. Milone stated will need to do some dredging at the Fore River Bridge after the fish runs are over.

PUBLIC WALKWAY BETWEEN LANE BEACH - WESSAGUSSETT BEACH update

Mr. Luongo stated the Order of Conditions was issued by the Conservation Commission and Chapter 91 and Army Corps are being applied for.

Vegetation Management Order of Conditions to be filed for June meeting.

- Stairways
 - Will leave if in suitable condition for coastal bank
 - Remove if disturbing the coastal bank
 - Standards for new stairs *STYLE*
 - Will charge "mooring fee" \$6/LF
- Encroachments need to be addressed
- If the fee isn't paid, would need to put lien on/do enforcement to make them pay

Mr. Luongo stated beach has to be nourished. Shelf stairway – will wood or aluminum be more durable.

OPEN SPACE PLAN - update

Mr. Luongo stated Horsley Witten, the Consultant Group that has been hired to complete the Open Space and Recreation Plan, facilitated the Public Workshop May 16, 2019. They will be compiling the information and input from the workshop. A second public meeting is in September.

FLOATING DOCK (10A Permits)

Chairman Mutch stated most of the floating docks on River St. have not been permitted under 10A. Trying to work through them. The guide will be sent to Chairman Mutch and Ms. Graham. Discussed the DEP Guide to Small Docks and Piers – keep float off tidal floats.

Chairman Mutch stated a letter should be sent out to all dock owners and tell them they need to come into compliance.

Mr. Milone stated the letter could be sent to waterfront owners on River St. and have a meeting with all owners.

Give the people information on rules and regulations. Need enforcement. Need repercussions/fines. Make the owners have the requirement to show they are in compliance.

DOCK STORAGE ON BEACH (sea grass)

Chairman Mutch initiated discussion of prohibiting off season dock storage on salt marsh. Can we put together a list of docks/piers with Chapter 91. The deed restriction that was identified by Jim McGrath in 2010 was discussed. People's deeds were discussed – do they own MLW or MHW. The Mayor's office will be brought into this discussion.

Can we publicize what we are doing with this?

Motion to recommend to issue a letter to property owners with any structure seaward of MHW (Mean High Water) from Harbormaster & Conservation stating they must apply within 14 days.

Draft of letter must be given to mayor's office prior to issuance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dock has collapsed that is at point between Fore River Ave and King Cove Beach Rd. Mr. Milone stated he will look into it.

Debris is piling up at the beaches

Should letter address

- Debris on your beach/salt marsh
- Storage on salt marsh
- Floats/docks/piers

NEXT MEETING

Docks and piers will be on the agenda

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Geary made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:11PM. Mr. Sullivan SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:

PAUL BRAGGS - CLERK
George Mutch, Chairman
1-16-20

Dated:

