# MINUTES OF THE WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 14, 2015

PRESENT:

George Mutch, Chairman

Pat O'Leary, Vice Chair

Dan Keefe Herb Clifford Nancy Blazo Claude Keith

ABSENT:

Paul Books Paul Milone Ray Nash

OTHERS:

Jim Clarke, Planning Director

Kate Marshall, Planning Steve Reilly, Recreation

Lee Hultin, Recording Secretary

TOWN OF WEYMOUTH

Chairman Mutch called the Waterfront Committee meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the McCulloch Building, 182 Green Street, Weymouth, Ma 02191. This is a joint meeting with the North Weymouth Civic Association.

# **Review of the Kibby Property**

Jim Clarke, Planning Director reviewed the plans for the Kibby Property with the Waterfront Committee and the North Weymouth Civic Association. The town has \$120,000 in CPC Funds to use for improvements to this property. John Ryther has created some plans and the intent is to access the property through Abigail Adams State Park by vehicle and pedestrian, and pedestrian access only through Salt Water Creek Condominium.

The plan is to remove the existing fence and create a pathway entrance off existing paths in Abigail Adams State Park. The park will be a meadow mix and the grass will be cut twice a year. The Department of Conservation and Recreation will maintain the property. The plan proposed a paved pathway, picnic tables and benches.

Mr. Clarke stated that the timeline for this improvement is to receive comments from NWCA, Waterfront Committee and Saltwater Creek Trustees. He is hoping to begin work this summer and complete it this calendar year.

There were several questions received from the group. All town and DCR parks are open dawn til dusk. There will not be any facilities at this park.

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Any additional comments are to be submitted to Jim Clarke, Director of Planning by the end of this month.

The Waterfront Committee recessed and reconvened in another room so the NWCA could continue their meeting.

### APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Herb Clifford made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2014 and was seconded by Nancy Blazo.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** 

The Waterfront Committee continued their discussions on this Kibby Property. If the Saltwater Creek Trustees do not allow them access, then the town could consider using their right to the easement on their property or begin discussions will U-Haul for access. Saltwater Creek did not show up this evening for the presentation so Jim Clarke will continue discussion with them at another time.

The Waterfront Committee stated that they did not want to see a canoe launch at this location as they want to keep is low key to be respectful to the Saltwater Creek Condominium owners.

## HARBORMASTER'S REPORT - None

### WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATE

Jim Clarke, Director of Planning reported the following updates.

Fore River Bridge – they have begun working on the towers on the Weymouth side of the bridge. There will be a slow down in work as they may need to shut it down for a year. The offsite production has had a delay of one year. The bridge will have cladding and access lights with color.

Route 3A – the coastal bank is being stabilized near Amazing Videos. The property owners will be tearing down the building and rebuilding it along with new landscaping along Route 3A.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Herb Clifford stated that his group will be hosting 2 clean-ups this year in Great Esker Park. The first one will be on the same day as the Mayor's Town Wide Clean Up day and the second one is not yet determined.

There will be three races this year:

- 1. Pond Meadow Twilight Run held on July 16, 2015 at 6:30 at Pond Meadow Park.
- 2. Over the Esker held on August 22, 2015, the second event in the series will be held at Great Esker Park and will travel down the Esker and along the shore of the Back River.

- Runners will cross a narrow stream and an unusual reversing falls before taking on the challenge of one tough climb before finishing near the entrance to Great Esker Park.
- 3. Weymouth Shoreline Run to be held on September 26, 2015. This event is hosted by Wessagussett Yacht Club and the run will take you along Weymouth's beautiful coastline. Runners will travel by 2 beaches to Webb State Park and enjoy spectacular views of the harbor, Grape Island, Peddocks Island and the Boston skyline.

Herb Clifford will be working on sponsorships – Businesses can sponsor from \$100-\$1,000. He is also in need of volunteers.

### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Herb Clifford made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm and was seconded by Pat O'Leary. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin Recording Secretary

Paul Brooks, Clerk

Date