

MINUTES OF THE
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2015

PRESENT: George Mutch, Chairman
Pat O'Leary, Vice Chair
Dan Keefe
Herb Clifford
Paul Brooks
Nancy Blazo
Paul Milone

ABSENT: Ray Nash

OTHERS: Jim Clarke, Director of Planning
Steve Reiley, Recreation
Brian Cualsky, Recreation
Lee Hultin, Recording Secretary

Chairman Mutch called the Waterfront Committee meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, Ma 02189.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - None

WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATE - None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Paul Milone reported on the following:

- In November he will be taking out all the floats
- The lines at the launch ramp and parking lot have been redone. The in and out arrows and all yellow and white lines have been repainted.
- The lights in the George Lane parking lot have all been replaced with new LED lights. Paul noticed that the lights are coming on too early as the bill was higher than expected. He will adjust this and put it on a timer.

Paul Milone asked the committee for support in building a Maritime Education Center in Weymouth. He would like the location of Neck Street/River Street. He stated that the town has money to build it. He stated that the Recreation Department supports this idea and would use it as well. Paul is looking for support and any thoughts from the committee.

George Mutch asked where the money for this project is coming from and Paul Milone stated from CPC funds. George asked what the process would be for a project like this.

Jim Clarke stated that he needs more information such as program plan, draft of the building and annual operating costs. Jim is concerned that this may not pass as the proposition 2.5 did not pass and the town clearly needs more funds and may not have the money for this project. Jim stated that the McCulloch building is available with classrooms if Paul wants to hold educational programs there.

Paul would need to get this on the Capital Improvement Plan, talk to the Mayor, Police Chief and Planning Department about this before it can go any further.

Paul stated that he anticipates that the educational center will be able to hold 50 people.

Pat O'Leary asked if this location of Neck/River Street is within a flood plan. Paul doesn't believe so. She also asked if it would be self-sustaining. Pat O'Leary believes the town already has some surplus space that would be available for educational programs and building another structure would be hard to pitch.

Paul believes this is a unique opportunity and it would be on the waterfront. Surrounding communities all have a maritime center. He believes the money is available and it should be utilized.

Paul Brooks asked if the lot he is considering is a buildable lot. Paul replied yes. Jim stated that he was not sure it was, right now it is a sand dune. He would like to look into this. Paul Milone said he would talk to Mary Ellen Schloss the Conservation Agent to see if it was.

Pat O'Leary made a motion to explore the possibility of a site depending on the development of a program and a discussion with Mary Ellen Schloss, Conservation Agent. This was seconded by Nancy Blazo. Voted Unanimously

The committee would like more information about this in order to support it.

Because there was a large boat fire in Quincy there was a discussion about Weymouth's harbormaster boat and if we were properly prepared. Paul stated that Weymouth was never called to supply any mutual aide to Quincy.

There was a discussion about drills on the harbormaster boat. Nancy asked if he had a water pump on it to put fires out and it was stated yes.

It was asked if he drills with the Fire Department and Paul has stated that he has asked for this and is available.

Discussion on pumping out stations:

Hull, Hingham and Quincy all have pump out boats. George asked Paul to talk to the state to see if they are supposed to help Weymouth. Weymouth has Tern Harbor which is private and costs \$20 a boat, Wessagussett Yacht Club and Hewitts Cove which is a hit or miss. Users in the river have problems getting pump out stations. Wessagussett has a new unit and Herb said he will talk

to them. George wants to work with Hewitts Cove and Hingham to have locations available. It is believed that the state has a list of pump out stations. This will be looked into.

There was a brief discussion on the past boat trip with elected officials. It was down through the Back River and the tide was very low so you couldn't get all the way up the river. Representative James Murphy did see all the graffiti on the Hingham Bridge.

Herb Clifford stated that the homeless are moving back into the Great Esker and it is a problem. There is one camp along the river and another one towards the Osprey. Herb would like to meet with the Police Department again on this.

Steve Reilly, Director of Recreation stated that he set up a grid system of Great Esker Park. Steve recently went out with Andrew Hultin, a Supervisor for Great Esker Park summer program and he showed him where all the camps were. Steve now has these located on his grid system so they can be found as some of them are very difficult to get to through the marsh. Steve works with Father Bill's and their outreach workers to get the homeless out of the woods.

Herb Clifford said he really wants them out of Great Esker because people will not go in there because of them. He believes this is a big problem. He said the North Weymouth Civic Association and other organizations are very upset and he wants a meeting with the Police Chief about this.

It was stated that Rick Fuller from the Police Department is going out there tomorrow.

Herb stated that all the gates are also unlocked so you can drive into the Great Esker. Jim Clarke will look into this. They should be locked and Police, Fire and DPW should all have a key.

It was requested that Steve Reilly send the grid system of Great Esker out to the Police, Fire, DPW, Harbormaster and Waterfront Committee.

George Mutch stated that if they could get the items from the homeless camp to the waterfront he could bring a barge down the river and take it all out that way. Otherwise you cannot get a vehicle to the location.

PROJECT UPDATES

Jim Clarke stated that they received a State and Federal grant for \$175,000 for the Back River Trail extension. The town will match it with CPC funds and hire a designer.

- Kibby Property – Jim stated that they opened the bids and Dandel Construction was the low bidder at \$138,970. Jim will request \$50,000 from CPC funds next week. The town has until May 15, 2016 to do the work.
- Spectra Energy is expected to file an application on October 30th.

- The Redevelopment Authority has put out an RFP for the smelt run and Jim is expecting to hire someone in November.
- They are currently surveying the Iantosca Property.

OTHER BUSINESS

Paul Milone handed out a draft Waterfront Ordinance for the committee to review and comment on. Nancy Blazo asked if there were any significant changes to the original one and Paul stated no.

Paul Brooks had a question on page three of the document. Herb Clifford stated that the "headway speed" in what area and where is it posted. Paul stated that the no wake zone starts for the Back River between #2 and #4. Paul will move the no wake buoy to before #4 on Saturday. Paul Milone stated that Webb Park is deteriorating from the wakes.

Paul Brooks said on page 9 the words "in kind services" were there and he asked what that meant. Does this give Paul the right to bargain. Pat said this just needs to be defined better or in a foot note. She suggested talking to the town solicitor. It was asked why you would wave a user fee for in kind services? George and Pat do not like this wording and want it footnoted with an explanation. Paul said he would rewrite it.

On page 14 George asked Paul to define mooring permit to say 10A permit.

Paul will make these changes and email the new ordinance to all the committee members before the next meeting.

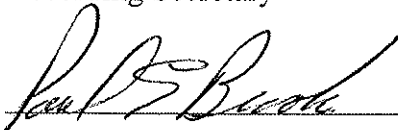
The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2015. Pat O'Leary said she will be having surgery will not be able to attend the next few meetings but requested to "call in" to participate in the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Milone made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm and was seconded by Pat O'Leary.
Voted unanimously

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary



12-17-15
Date