

MINUTES OF THE
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2015

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

ABSENT: Paul Milone
Ray Nash
Herb Clifford

OTHERS: Jim Clarke, Director of Planning
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

Pat O'Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2015 and was seconded by Nancy Blazo.
VOTED 5-0

Nancy Blazo made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2015 and was seconded by Paul Brooks.
VOTED 5-0

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Jim Clarke stated that Paul Milone was unable to make it this evening but is looking for a vote on the proposed Rules and Regulations. This would be a proposed ordinance change for the Waterfront.

Dan Keefe made a motion to approve the proposed Waterways Ordinance changes that were provided by Paul Milone and was seconded by Paul Brooks.
VOTED 5-0

Jim Clarke stated that he will draft a memo to the Mayor stating that the Waterfront Committee is in support of these changes.

WORK PROGRAM FOR 2015-16 DISCUSSION

- Pump out locations
- Docks and Permits
- Back River graffiti on the Bridge when approaching the Back River
- Shore line access for fishing in Great Esker Park
- Outreach to Police Department – The Great Esker Grid was forwarded to the Police Department.
- Education Center – Needs more discussion as there are no plans proposed, just an idea. Pat stated that there are plenty of surplus town buildings that are not being utilized.

Pat O’Leary asked for clarity on the Waterfront Committee’s authority. Is it coastal only, Great Esker, Fore River, Whitman’s Pond, etc.

Mike Riccardi attended this meeting and wanted to discuss the Army Corps Smelt Run project. This was not on the agenda and suggested that it be put on the agenda for the next Waterfront meeting for discussion. Mike Riccardi will get in contact with Jim Clarke with his concerns and material for discussion. Some members do not believe this is under the Waterfront Committees authority.

Pat O’Leary would like to redefine the map and jurisdiction of the committee.

George Mutch stated that he will review the charter and ordinance to clarify the mission of the committee for the next meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Jim Clarke reported on the following items:

- Kibby Property – Dandel Construction has been hired to do the work and will start this month while the weather is good. They have a completion date of May 15, 2016. There are potentially more clean ups along the banks and the DCR has agreed to see if they can pay for them.
- Fore River – The work has been moving forward. The 2 lane reduction has been moved to 2017 and will last for about 4 months. They will be doing signal changes at Murley’s Gas Station, the landing etc. and advanced warning signs in Hingham and Quincy. They are currently working on the two towers.
- Wharf Street – The second canoe launch still needs to be remediated by the MBTA which is also known as the Durante Property. The Planning Department spoke to them about a month ago and they have to do this work. They will be creating 3-4 acres of wetlands. The Town wants at least an easement over the property to construct the canoe launch and extend the Back River Trail
- Landfill – They have to prepare an RFP to design the pathway. It should be under construction for 6-8 months and be completed in 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pat O'Leary asked is they should consider putting "Public Comment" on the agenda for every meeting.


The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

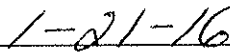
Nancy Blazo made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm and was seconded by Pat O'Leary.
VOTED 5-0

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary



Paul Brooks, Clerk



Date