

Waterfront Committee, February 19, 2015

MINUTES OF THE
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2015

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

ABSENT: Nancy Blazo
Ray Nash

OTHERS: Jim Clarke, Planning Director
Lee Hultin, Recording Secretary

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Chairman Mutch called the Waterfront Committee meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the McCulloch Building, 182 Green Street, Weymouth, Ma 02191.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Claude Keith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015 and was seconded by Pat O'Leary.

VOTED 6-0 (*Paul Milone arrived late*)

WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATE

Review of the Kibby Property

Jim Clarke, Planning Director stated that the meeting last month was very good but it was unfortunate that Salt Water Creek Association did not show up. It was only last week that Jim was able to get in touch with the trustees. He is currently trying to set up a meeting with them. The town has a right of way through their property but would like to come up with some type of agreement.

The town would like to place wooden ballads on the property line for pedestrian and bicycle access through their property.

Jim Clarke stated that Spectra Energy is doing the Atlantic Bridge Project which is the pipeline from New Jersey to Boston. They are building a new compression station in North Weymouth. This will help increase the capacity. Right now there is a metering station only. On January 29th

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they held a meeting at the Elks Lodge and about 30 people attended. The town will review the Environmental Analysis once it is completed.

It was asked is this is a safe project locally and it was stated yes, there are all sorts of security measures as well. They will be reviewed during the environmental analysis.

Back River Trail Extension – Jim is still waiting for the Federal government to approve this. He will continue to work on this project.

Lovell's playground project will be going before the Conservation Commission for their approval.

Herb Clifford asked Jim for an update on the project at the end of Puritan Road and Jim stated that he would bring it to the next meeting.

The seawall replacement project is still ongoing.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

FY16 Budget – Paul Milone stated that he has requested an increase in his budget with the Police Department for maintenance and training which is approximately \$2,000.

George Mutch stated that he thought the bridge details covered the maintenance of the boat. Paul Milone stated that is only to cover the maintenance for the Seawatch and not the other boats.

Paul stated that the ocean is still very icy so the boats are not going anywhere. The shuttle boat isn't even running but the Coast Guard is keeping the channel open.

Paul stated that he received the grant he applied for to improve the LED lighting at the launch ramp for a total of \$10,000.

Chairman Mutch asked for a summary on the maintenance of the Seawatch through the revolving account and also for a summary on the maintenance of the other 2 boats.

The grant for security cameras was received but they are not installed yet as the Police Department still needs to choose the cameras.

Paul Milone stated that he still cannot get an answer from the Massachusetts State Fisheries as to why the shellfish in Weymouth have died. Paul said he is trying to meet with them but has been unsuccessful.

Herb Clifford and George Mutch will work on a letter coming from the Waterfront Committee requesting some answers. They will prepare the letter for this committee to review at the next meeting. Jim Clarke will work on creating the letterhead for them.

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It was asked if the fee schedule will change for 2015 and Paul Milone stated that he would like to keep it the same.

Paul Brooks requested that Paul Milone look into replacing the two signs on Route 3A that direct people to the boat ramp. Paul Milone will try to have them replaced this spring.

George Mutch asked for the numbers on beach stickers sold for 2014. Paul will bring that to the next meeting. He stated that residents can always get a space to park at the beach. There was some concern that the committee would like to make sure residents can park at the beach before nonresidents.

Herb Clifford will give an update on the Road Race at the next meeting.


Paul Milone said he is working with the town to get the user fees and boat excise tax payments available on-line.

ADJOURNMENT


Herb Clifford made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm and was seconded by Pat O'Leary.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary



Paul Brooks, Clerk



Date