

MINUTES OF THE  
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2016

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

ABSENT: Ray Nash  
Dan Keefe

OTHERS: Bob Luongo, Planning Director  
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.

Chairman Mutch introduced the new Planning Director, Bob Luongo to the committee members. Mr. Luongo told the members a little bit about himself and his past history as a Planning Director.

#### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Herb Clifford made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2016 and was seconded by Nancy Blazo.

VOTED 5-0 (Pat O'Leary abstained)

#### **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

- Paul Milone reported that over the winter months there seems to be no damage to the launch ramp.
- The boat excise taxes have gone out and they can also be paid on line, however the user fees cannot be paid on line.

Paul Milone stated that the floats will be going in the water the beginning of April and will open to the public the third weekend in April. The ramp will be open on weekends only throughout the months of April and May. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup> it will be open 7 days a week and then September and October weekends only.

It was asked if kayaks can launch at the ramps and it was stated yes.

Paul Milone stated that almost all the security cameras have been installed.

Herb Clifford stated that the North Weymouth Civic Association reached out to him because they have received a complaint that the new LED lights that were installed at the beach are shining in resident's window. Paul Milone stated that they only replaced the bulbs on the existing light poles with new LED lights. They are brighter but they do not shine outwards or in resident's windows, they shine downwards. The purpose of the lighting is for security reasons. The harbormaster is still working on another grant to put LED lights in the parking lot as well. He will keep the neighbors in mind when they are installed.

#### Beach Stickers:

The committee reviewed the beach sticker fees with the Harbormaster. There was a lot of debate over the free stickers for the seniors.

Chairman Mutch asked Paul Milone how much it costs to print the stickers. Mr. Milone stated his printing costs for all stickers including mooring and beach stickers is approximately \$1200.00. While the issue was raised by Ray Nash to charge for the seniors, not all the committee members agree.

Paul Milone has no recommendations to raise any fees at this time.

Paul Brooks wants to keep the fee schedule as is. He does not want to raise the fees for seniors.

Herb Clifford agrees with Ray Nash to increase the fees to \$5.00 for seniors. It is very time consuming for the Paul and Ray to go to the Senior Center and hand out all the free stickers and Herb does not believe the seniors use them. They just get them because they are free.

Nancy Blazo does not believe the seniors will want to pay for a beach sticker.

One suggestions was to consider fine tuning the residency requirement and make sure the vehicle is registered in Weymouth.

The group will consider raising the fee to \$2.00 and will discuss it at the next meeting when Ray and Dan are here.

Paul Milone made a motion to table beach sticker fees until the next meeting and was seconded by Nancy Blazo.

VOTED 5-1 (Herb Clifford-No)

#### **WORK PROGRAM FOR 2015-16 DISCUSSION**

- Waterfront Committee – Ordinance Section 3-221. A copy of the Waterfront Committees responsibilities from Section 3-221 of the Code of Ordinances was distributed to all members for their review. Chairman Mutch stated that the committee has one vacancy on it. When reviewing the duties of the committee it was asked if the

town has a Waterfront Plan. It was stated yes, it is online and was done back in 1989. The group is an advisory committee that can weigh in on matters with letters of support or denial.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

Chairman Mutch and Bob Luongo reported on the following items:

- Kibby Property – Is almost ready to start the work there.
- Wharf Street – The second canoe launch still needs to be updated by the MBTA which is also known as the Durante Property. The town is still waiting. The MBTA is supposed to do the mitigation but hasn't yet. The town of Weymouth may just have an easement over it to finish the project. We do not want to take ownership of it. Herb Clifford suggested that the town look for another place for the canoe launch, maybe near the dog pound. Puritan Road would not be a good location for this.
- Landfill – They have state and federal grants to do the work. Bob Luongo stated that they may be looking into a solar project on the site.
- Great Esker Park – the homeless camps are all gone at this point. The one by Lowes, along the Route 3A entrance and the one down by the water.

Herb Clifford said he attended a meeting on the Puritan Road Culvert. The design firm did a presentation with the neighbors. They are looking at an open flow system that goes into a box culvert. It is still about 2 years out and they may raise the Esker Road 1-2 feet. The big problem is the large flow issue.

Bob Luong reported out on the day-lighting in the landing. They have hired an engineering for the location. It should be between the Commercial Street/Delagas property and the Braintree side. The cost estimate for the plans and specs is about \$150-160,000. The Weymouth Redevelopment Authority is involved in this project. Phase I of this project is the location. Delagas is planning on building a four-story building with 54 units and commercial space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Mr. Delagas has agreed to give the open space for a park and the smelt run. In exchange, the town will knock down the Old Brick Grille for the donation of the land. The day-lighting will be about 150 feet long.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Paul Milone reported that he has finished the Rivers and Harbors Application for the dredging of the launch ramp.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Milone made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm and was seconded by Nancy Blazo.  
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin  
Recording Secretary

  
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Paul Brooks, Clerk

  
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