

MINUTES OF THE
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 17, 2016

PRESENT: George Mutch, Chairman
Paul Milone
Herb Clifford
Paul Brooks

ABSENT: Pat O'Leary, Vice Chair
Ray Nash
Dan Keefe
Nancy Blazo

OTHERS: Bob Luongo, Planning Director
Lee Hultin, Recording Secretary
Suzanne Torres, Resident on Norton Street

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 stated since there is not a quorum this evening, no office votes will be taken on anything.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES – To be approved at the next meeting.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Paul Milone, Harbormaster stated that he submitted the Rivers and Harbors Grant Application and is now waiting. They have approximately \$718,000 available to disburse.

Paul is still making some minor changes to the Waterways Ordinance and once he is done he will be submitting it to Mayor Hedlund for his review.

This winter the snow plows tore up the curbs at Tern Harbor and DPW will be replacing them, hopefully with granite curbing as that is what is currently there. The DPW will be making a push plate to put on the dock so the docks don't get torn up. They are also replacing a rubber expansion.

During this past month Paul Milone attended a meeting on the progress of the Fore River Bridge. They are planning on putting up the span in July 2016 and it should take 7 days working 24/7. They are also planning on closing the channel down during this time. The board is concerned that this is going to take during the height of the short summer season and possibly during the 4th of July. They also believe someone should be notifying the local yacht clubs if this shut down is doing to happen. Paul will get more information on this for the next meeting and report back then.

Herb Clifford reported that the Wessagussett Yacht Club has 12 transient boat slips that are available this summer if anyone needs one.

The Tall Ships are coming this summer to Boston on June 12-22, 2017. There will be 12 class A tall ships and naval ships as well.

The USS Salem will be staying in Quincy for 5 more years although they are moving it to another dock. Right now it is stuck in the mud!

Paul has not received anymore complaints on the lights at the boat launch at George Lane Beach.

Paul Brooks asked for an update on the shellfish. The Harbormaster stated that there is no digging in Weymouth right now. The Master Digger did call him this week and said he was going to be out looking at the shell fish in Weymouth but there will not be any digging as no permits have been issued.

Paul is running a Navigation Program on basic chart work at the Wessagussett Yacht Club on May 21, 2016 from 9-1.

Paul will be attending the Bass Fisherman Show at the Hanover Mall on April 23, 2016.

WORK PROGRAM FOR 2015-16 DISCUSSION

- Chairman Mutch wants to pursue getting letters out to the State Representatives to get help removing the graffiti on the Back River Bridge. Paul Milone will take him out in the boat to take pictures to be submitted with the letters.
- Herb Clifford said all the camps in Great Esker are still gone.

PROJECT UPDATES

Bob Luongo, Planning Director reported on the following items:

- Kibby Property – Construction is ongoing. They are putting in the trail to connect to the Abigail Adams Park. The contract was awarded to Dandel Construction for \$143,915 and will be paid for with CPC Funds. He expects the trail to be paved in the spring. The entire project should be done by the end of May and the DCR will be maintaining it. Residents will have access through the Salt Water Creek Condominiums but will only be pedestrian and bicycles only – no vehicles.
- Wharf Street – The idea is to use a portion of the landfill to extend Great Esker path to Wharf Street. Six firms have submitted proposals for design and permitting. The Planning Department would like make the selection by the end of March. The construction budget is \$350,000, CPC will front the money and the town will be reimbursed \$150,000. This project includes a walkway, sitting area and parking area. Mr. Luongo isn't sure the walkway will be paved or not but will check and get back to the committee.

- The old beach house at Wessagusett is now rubble. The town is talking about the possibility of utilizing a portion of the meals tax money to clean up the rubble and make it look nice. The committee expressed some concerns about the overgrowth on the shelf. The view is blocked and it needs to be cleared. Conservation sometimes has an issue with maintenance. Bob Luongo will look into this.
- Landfill – Bob Luongo stated that they may be looking into a solar project on a portion of the site.
- Daylighting in the Landing – They will be awarding the contract to start the design work. The town is working with Braintree to see if we can get them to work with us. If not, the smelt run will be on the Weymouth side. The two Mayors are having discussions on this. Weymouth has agreed to take down the Old Brick Grille. The day-lighting will be about 150 feet long and cost about \$1.3 - \$1.4 Million.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Milone made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm and was seconded by Herb Clifford.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary



Paul Brooks, Clerk



Date