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WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 26, 2015

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PRESENT: George Mutch, Chairman
Dan Keefe
Paul Brooks
Paul Milone
Nancy Blazo

ABSENT: Pat O'Leary, Vice Chair
Ray Nash
Herb Clifford
Claude Keith

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

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Paul Milone made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2015 and was seconded by Nancy Blazo.
VOTED 5-0

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Paul Milone stated that there has been no damage to the launch ramp due to all the heavy snow. The ramp is all cleared. The Back River is 90% cleared of ice. Paul is anticipating the launch ramp to open the second week of April.

The white lines in the George Lane Parking lot will be repainted this spring and there are three (3) signs that will be replaced with new ones. Two of them are on Route 3A that were requested by a committee member.

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. They will be installed soon and will be facing down so they do not glare into any homes.

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The grant for security cameras was received but they are not installed yet. They have chosen the cameras and they are being installed soon. This will help Paul Milone with monitoring the launch ramp as well as the waterfront.

Chairman Mutch asked how many beach stickers were sold last year and Paul Milone stated about 650. There are approximately 65 parking spaces at the George Lane Beach.

FY16 Budget Review – Jim Clarke handed out copies of the Harbormaster’s budget for FY16 for the committee to review. This budget request will have an increase of 4.7%.

Nancy Blazo made a motion to support the Harbormaster’s FY16 proposed budget and was seconded by Dan Keefe. Voted unanimously

WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATE

Review of the Kibby Property

Jim Clarke, Planning Director stated that he hasn’t been able to make any progress with Salt Water Creek Association and is now planning on moving forward. Plans will need to be prepared and then submitted to Conservation hopefully in May.

FEMA created new flood maps 2 years ago and many city and towns are fighting some of these newly created flood areas as they are a problem for residents. The Town of Weymouth is looking to hire Wooden and Curran to evaluate the Idlewell area and the methodology that FEMA used when establishing it as a flood area. If this is successful the town will look at other areas to evaluate.

The seawall is an ongoing project, the State and Federal Agencies have asked the Town of Weymouth to look at natural barriers.

The Fore River Bridge project has slowed down a little. The traffic engineer attends bi-weekly meetings. The town will be asking the state for some mitigation when the lanes go down to only two lanes. The project is about 6-12 months behind schedule.

The Atlantic Bridge project is proposing a new compression station in North Weymouth. The town will be commenting on the environmental impacts and it was stated that Becky Haugh, District One Town Councilor is very involved and attends meetings on this.

It was asked if there will be any training for Fire Fighters on this as they are First Responders to any emergency calls and it was stated yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Clarke said he met with Herb Clifford and John Childs about the road races. There will be three races this year, one at Pond Meadow Park, Great Esker Park, and the Waterfront in North Weymouth.

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Paul Milone stated that there will be a new wave continuator installed out in front of the Wessagusett Yacht Club. This will need to go before Conservation Commission because of the bottom anchors.

Paul Milone stated that he spoke with Massachusetts Fisheries and he arranged to have Debra Michaels come to the next Waterfront Committee meeting to discuss the issue of the dying shellfish in Weymouth.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Milone would like to look into establishing a Maritime Center in Weymouth. Quincy, Scituate and Hingham all have one and he is looking for a location. He will be looking for support from the Waterfront Committee on this and if they have any suggestions as to a location he would appreciate their input.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Paul Milone made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm and was seconded by Paul Brooks.

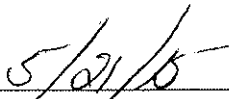
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary



Paul Brooks, Clerk



Date