

MINUTES OF THE
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 23, 2015

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PRESENT: Pat O'Leary, Vice Chair
Dan Keefe
Herb Clifford
Paul Brooks
Paul Milone
Nancy Blazo
Ray Nash

ABSENT: George Mutch, Chairman
Claude Keith

OTHERS: Lee Hultin, Recording Secretary

Vice Chairwoman O'Leary 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

Paul Milone made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015 and was seconded by Nancy Blazo.
VOTED 7-0

WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATE - None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Paul Milone reported that the launch ramp is open on week-ends, Saturday and Sunday from 7:30-3:30 during the month of May 2015. After Memorial Day it will be open during the week. DPW has cleaned up the parking lot and launch ramp area and the shed is ready to go. A port-a-potty has been delivered to the location.

The Fore River Bridge facades are done. They are putting in plastic to put the sheets on the outside. This process takes about 8-9 months.

The bridge to Long Island is gone. They took it down today.

Mike Riccardi from Pond Meadow Park was in attendance. He stated that he is interested in the developments along the coast. The group cleans rivers and streams. The water supply in the pond streams into the Fore River.

The damn in Pond Meadow Park was built in 1976 by the Army Corp of Engineers. Right now there are no more fish in the pond. He is working on rehabilitating the area and has been in contact with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Ray Nash stated that there are very few smelt fish left in the Weymouth area.

Pat O'Leary stated that the Herring are starting to run in Jackson Square.

OTHER BUSINESS

Paul Milone stated that the town has been working with the state on the seawalls and there is a grant available to homeowners who wish to raise their home in that area. Pat O'Leary will follow up with Nick in Planning to see how many homeowners can apply for this grant.

Paul Milone reported that the installation of the LED lights should be completed by June. The second project is to install the cameras along the waterfront. Some locations include Tern Harbor, the launch ramp, beach, and along Fort Point Road. The 3rd grant is for more cameras. This application is due May 19th and is under \$25,000 so there is no town match required. The ALS System will be able to track the location of the harbormaster boats (all three of them). This Blue Force Tracking System is about \$19,500.

Grants total:

\$10,000 – Cameras
\$25,000 for LED lights
\$10,500 for the tracking device

The Town of Weymouth is going to match this with \$10,000 from the Waterways Fund, this is a 25% match. This is already in the FY16 budget. The Waterfront Committee all agreed to support this \$10,000 request from the Waterways Fund.

Herb Clifford stated that there are people camping in Great Esker along the waterfront with actual campsites set up. The town has an ordinance stating there is no camping or open fires in Great Esker. Paul Milone will find this exact ordinance for the wording and contact Joe Comperchio at the WPD to have it enforced.

Herb Clifford stated that he is working on the Race Series and it was suggested to him to reach out to Healthy Wey for their support as well.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015. Paul Milone stated that Devan Winkler from the Massachusetts Fisheries will be in attendance to give the committee a report on the shellfish.

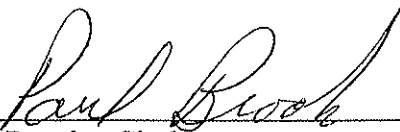
ADJOURNMENT

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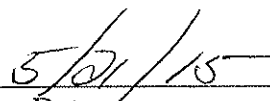
Paul Milone made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm and was seconded by Herb Clifford.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary



Paul Brooks, Clerk



Date