

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
May 18, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT:

George Mutch, Chairman
Pat O'Leary
Frank Geary
Paul Brooks
Nancy Blazo

NOT PRESENT:

Paul Milone

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Christine Malloy, Recording Secretary

Chairman Mutch called the meeting of the Waterfront Committee to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of February 16, 2017. Ms. Blazo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PROJECT UPDATE

Proposal to create a public walkway between Lane Beach and Wessagussett Beach

Mr. Luongo stated staff is meeting with the engineering firm; the next meeting dates are regarding the beachfront enhancement project and its \$186,000 study. Feasibility to connect Lane Beach with Wessagusset Beach and how to connect the two beaches. How to connect coastal embankment plan to make stable and reconnect vista pruning and vegetation management plan which may include removal of invasive species.

Mr. Luongo stated some private owners have done this work with permission from the town and some have done this work without permission from the town. Landowners do not own the embankment. This is what the study is about. The town will also look at the shelf area, the steps area and the rubble at the bottom of the steps area. The town plans to address all of these areas and then go back to the Seaport Economical Council to get financial counsel and assistance.

Mr. Loring stated he and Ms. O'Leary met with Conservation Commission and Frank and Tom and they will send a letter to the abutters regarding the folks that will do the survey.

Mr. Luongo stated the meeting on May 23rd is with three councilors Becky Haugh, Brian McDonald and Jane Hackett and the abutters. There will be two presentations given at the

Whipple Center to the abutters of Regatta Road regarding the stairs, structures, embankment, encroachment and no easements have been granted.

The town needs to be fair and consistent. Currently no decision has been made.

The second meeting is to be held on May 31st, also at the Whipple Center; this is to be a neighborhood meeting, not just abutters. This meeting is to discuss the project.

MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FY 17

Mr. Luongo stated via a grant they will provide structured assessment planning; staff needs to commit 80 hours of time in planning office to satisfy this grant, other offices are included in the grant; they include:

- Planning Director
- Principal Planner
- Conservation Administrator
- Conservation Commissioner (Project Manager)
- Public Works Director
- Town Engineer
- Water-Sewer Superintendent
- Director of Municipal License and Inspections
- Waterfront Committee Chair
- Representative of the Back river Watershed Association
- Representative of the Fore River Watershed Association

Ms. O'Leary stated the town has never inverted the ducts in the town.

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to SUPPORT THE LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. Mr. Geary SECONDED the MOTION. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

WATERWAYS ORDINANCE REVISION

Mr. Luongo stated Town Council has approved the Waterways Ordinance.

Discussion regarding did the Waterfront Committee approve the Waterways Ordinance; or did Harbormaster approve? Need to speak with Paul Milone. Request Harbormaster attend next meeting.

User fee has changed; was \$5 now it is \$6 per foot.

PURITAN ROAD

Mr. Luongo stated MEPA study issue; engineering department is spear heading the issue to restore culvert under the walkway at Esker Park. Failure of culvert is turning the salt water marsh into a fresh water marsh.

Mr. Loring stated the very same procedure was done at Weyham Road years ago, took gates out. Never had to daylight.

PLANNING

Mr. Luongo stated the mayor wants a map of all the trails that run through the town that no one knows about, walking trails. The town has hired a consultant to complete this task.

Mr. Loring asked can the consultant add in all the parks, as many are unknown and hidden.

Ms. O'Leary suggested get it onto an app.

DURANT PROPERTY

Mr. Luongo stated the town is filing a Notice of Intent, June 1, 2017 appear before Conservation Commission for smelt brook and walkway along the brook with design and specks. Hope to see this go out to bid in early fall 2017; Mr. Delagas is waiting on the approval from the Army Corps of Engineers.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee will be held on June 15, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Geary made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 7:55PM. Mr. Brooks SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:



George Mutch, Chairman

Dated:

