

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
September 21, 2017
Minutes

PRESENT: George Mutch, Chairman
Pat O’Leary
Paul Brooks
Nancy Blazo
Ray Nash
Karen Graham

NOT PRESENT: Paul Milone
Frank Geary

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 May 18, 2017. Ms. Blazo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

HARBORMASTER’S REPORT

Mr. Nash stated the boats are in and all is good. The Harbormaster has gotten a grant but hasn’t decided what to do with it yet. There are three new harbormasters plus one; they only work on the weekend and their jobs are up in October 2017.

PUBLIC WALKWAY UPDATE

Chairman Mutch stated the vegetation report was broken into 4 parts, all species of plants and trees were discussed.

- No decisions have been made
- These are just concepts
- Just recommended and proposed
- The Mayor has not even seen the presentation yet
- Erosion is ½ a foot per year
- 3 different concepts:
 - Concrete
 - Stone wall with wood platform
 - Plastic embedded into concrete

- Cost of revetment repair
- Shelf repair
- 2,000 foot handicap ramp to walkway from street at Wessagusset Beach
- Conservation Commission will want area to be revegetated
- Create a vegetation plan for the embankment with the existing types of invasive vegetation
- Suggested types of stairs for people on Regatta Road via the revetment
- 1 or 2 sets of stairs within the 2,000 feet
- Those with stairs to the beach pay a fee for stairs to the beach annually (sturdy stairs)

Mr. Luongo stated this will possibly go for 2 grant cycles. There will be a meeting with the mayor to present this concept. Then the town will hold a public meeting.

Chairman Mutch asked is there still a right-of-way off of Great Hill Drive.

DURANT PROPERTY UPDATE

Mr. Luongo stated the MBTA is looking into alternative ways of cleaning up the site. The land was contaminated; the town doesn't know if it wants the land turned over to town.

- Would like parking spaces
- Would like canoe and kayak launch on site
- Would like the bridge rehabbed to connect to Back River Trail

Mr. Luongo stated the MBTA is currently doing its due diligence and environmentally testing the land. The town is hoping for parking, boat launch, some picnic tables and a connection to Whitman's Pond.

Ms. O'Leary asked will National Grid help clean it up.

Mr. Luongo stated he is thinking MBTA will probably keep ownership of the land with dedicated use of parking land to Town of Weymouth.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. O'Leary asked Chairman Mutch are we down a member. Chairman Mutch answered yes.

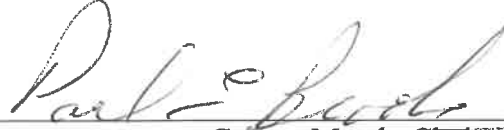
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee will be held on October 19, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:00PM. Ms. Blazo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:



~~George Match, Chairman~~
PAUL BROOKS CLERK

Dated: