

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
September, 29, 2016

Minutes

PRESENT: George Mutch, Chairman
Pat O’Leary
Herb Clifford
Paul Brooks
Nancy Blazo

NOT PRESENT: Paul Milone
Ray Nash

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Luongo, Planning Director

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

PROJECT UPDATE

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

Mr. Luongo gave a review of the proposed project. This committee has decided to pursue proposing a connection between Lane and Wessagussett Beach. This proposed idea was listed on the Master Plan in 1988 as a concept. Mayor Hedlund likes the idea. The area known as “the shelf” is in disrepair, as is the beach house at Wessagussett Beach and the stairs that lead to down to the beach from “the shelf”.

The Town of Weymouth went out with regulations for proposals, plans, specks and cost estimates (RFP) also looking at coastal bank with native species. Must replant with native species and oversea for three years to make sure it takes.

Coastal Engineering is the preferred firm. They have been awarded the contract; \$192,000 is the approximate cost. The Waterfront Committee can ask Community Preservation Commission for funds to help with the project. Mr. Luongo stated he will see if the Waterfront Committee can apply for grants: 80% design costs and 80% construction costs. November 1st is the deadline for this grant. Ms. O’Leary offered to help with writing the grant. Mr. Luongo stated the idea is to do the study and come up with ways to get monies to improve these beaches. Chairman Mutch listed all possibilities of design including wrap around boardwalk, partial boardwalk, and handicap mobi-mats to get handicap persons from pavement to the water.

Committee discussed the 20 foot right-of-way next to Carmen Mariano’s house; suggest making a set of stairs to the beach.

Mr. Luongo discussed perhaps bring in the Town Solicitor to deal with the issue of stairs.

Chairman Mutch suggested remove damaged stairs and cut trees down.

Mr. Luongo stated if this committee requests funds from Community Preservation Commission he needs Chairman Mutch to attend the meeting and represent the Waterfront Committee.

Mr. Luongo stated currently the town has no way to enjoy the waterfront; this proposal will allow more people to use the area.

Mr. Luongo stated plans on the waterfront public walkway need to be a joint effort with waterfront committee and Conservation Commission. Mr. Luongo stated he will speak with Ms. Schloss and see how the Conservation Commission feels about the project.

KIBBY UPDATE

Mr. Luongo stated there will be a dedication at the Kibby property on October 26, 2016 at 11:00am.

PURITAN ROAD CULVERT

Mr. Luongo stated the town is working on the Puritan Road culvert; final plans have been decided.

NEXT MEETING

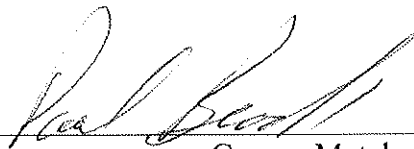
The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee will be held on November 17, 2016 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 7:47PM. Mr. Brooks SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved by:



George Mutch, Chairman
PAUL BROOKS SOC

Dated:

