

**Weymouth Waterfront Committee**  
**Weymouth, MA**  
**Remote Meeting via Webex**  
**March 24, 2022**  
**Minutes**

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**PRESENT:**

George Mutch, Chairperson  
Paul Brooks, Clerk  
Frank Geary  
Jim Sullivan  
Pat O'Leary  
Lt. Brian Morse, WPD

**NOT PRESENT:**

Nancy Blazo  
Karen Graham

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bob Luongo, Director of Planning & Community Development  
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner  
Officer Ed Yakubian, WPD Marine Unit

**State of Emergency Message and meeting information:**

*Due to Governor Baker's Emergency Declaration to support the state's response to COVID-19, and per Mayor Hedlund's Emergency Declaration for the Town of Weymouth, the Weymouth Waterfront Committee will meet remotely.*

Topic: Weymouth Waterfront Committee  
Time: March 24, 2022 4:00PM

The online link and dial-in instructions were provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Chairman Mutch called the meeting of the Weymouth Waterfront Committee to order at 4:00pm.

**Minutes:**

Chairman Mutch thanked the Recording Secretary, Patricia Fitzgerald, for getting the old meeting minutes caught up:

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes as written.*  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the February 25, 2021 minutes as written.*  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes as written.*  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes as corrected.*  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the May 20, 2021 minutes as written.*  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the June 24, 2021 minutes as written.  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote*

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes as written.  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote*

### **Harbormaster's Report:**

Lt. Morse provided the following:

- To date, 109 on-line mooring passes have been issued
- Launch ramp and beach parking are now handled by the Parks & Recreation Department
- Launch ramps will be back by early April
- Date for gates to go back up is still to be determined

### **Beach Walkway Update:**

Mr. Luongo reported on:

Walkway plans and specifications are completed, and they are now trying to figure out what Coastal Engineering's responsibilities will be and what additional oversight the town will need. Mr. Luongo gave the following schedule (subject to change):

- Peer review being done in April, 2022; this includes slope stability
- Final design will be ready by May 31, 2022
- Going out for bid June 15<sup>th</sup>, due by July 31, 2022
- Notice of Award by August 15<sup>th</sup>; Notice of Procedure for Contractor by August 31, 2022
- Contractor will be mobilized October 1, 2022
- May 31, 2023: substantial completion (subject to weather conditions)

Mr. Luongo said Coastal Engineering's work during construction will come to \$406,000; a meeting with the mayor is set for next week regarding funding (a \$1 million grant from the Seaport Economic Council was awarded and the town will be providing \$4-5 million in mitigation funds from the compressor station project).

109 Regatta Road: Coastal Engineering determined that the bank failure near 109 Regatta Road was due to a septic system that the town was not aware of. He said the homeowner will be connecting to a sewer line and will look into group drainage; work should be starting soon.

Great Hill: Money was received from the state for making some improvements at Great Hill which includes tree pruning, to improve views, and the creation of a walking trail.

### **Launch Ramp Dredging:**

Mr. Luongo said:

- Soil sampling work is continuing
- They expect state permits by the spring/summer of 2023
- Dredging construction in the fall/winter 2023-2024
- The dredging grant will be applied for

**Beach Parking:**

This item was moved to the next meeting.

**Durante Property:**

Mr. Luongo stated that the MBTA has gone silent regarding updates on cost estimates for remediation of contamination for their Capital Budget that begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Andrew Hultin of the Conservation Dept. has been calling the state weekly and there has been no response. They are now asking the Mass. Rep. Mariano to apply pressure. They hope to get a response that money to do the remediation is in the next budget.

**New Business:**River Street/Neck Street

Mr. Luongo provided an update on the raising of the roadway by Lane Beach:

- Grants for engineering funds (for design) have been submitted
- If the roadway is raised, the parking lot may need to be elevated and the bathhouse will need to be relocated
- State drainage work in the parking lot is being delayed until status of this project is known
- There is concern about emergency vehicles getting out to the peninsula

Mr. Luongo suggested that this project become a standing agenda item.

**Next meeting:** Tentatively, April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Adjournment:**

*Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to adjourn at 4:42p.m.*

*6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Fitzgerald*

Approved by: *Paul Brooks*  
~~George Mutch, Chairman~~ *CLARK*

*9/22/23*  
Dated: