

**Weymouth Waterfront Committee
Weymouth, MA
Remote Meeting via Webex
February 25, 2021
Minutes**

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PRESENT: George Mutch, Chairperson
Paul Brooks, Clerk
Frank Geary
Jim Sullivan
Karen Graham
Pat O'Leary
Nancy Blazo

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Luongo, Dir., Planning & Community Development
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner
Monica Kennedy, Assistant Planner
Officer Mike Parker, Weymouth Police Dept.

State of Emergency Message and meeting information:

Governor Charles Baker has declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts to support the state's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Per the directive of Mayor Hedlund and the Town of Weymouth's "Emergency Declaration and Town-Wide Guidance in Response to COVID-19 of March 13, 2020", the Waterfront Committee will meet remotely for the health and safety of the board members and the public during the Massachusetts State of Emergency.

Topic: Weymouth Waterfront Committee
Time: February 21, 2021 5:00PM

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 5:09pm.

Minutes:

There were no minutes available for review.

Harbormasters Report:

Chairman Mutch stated that the new harbormaster department will be the Natural Resources Unit.

Officer Mike Parker, Weymouth Police Dept. (WPD), announced that the new Harbormaster will be Lt. Brian Morse, Officer Parker will be the new Shellfish Constable, and the Marine Unit will be under Officer (Title?) Jack O'Rourke.

Officer Parker said on-line mooring permits are in place and they are working through things in the wake of Paul Milone's passing. He said they still have an office at Tern Harbor and the launch ramp and beach parking are still, at this time, under the Harbormaster's authority.

Officer Parker also said:

- There will be more patrolling of trails
- The hunting issues at Union Point have been mostly in Rockland
- They have recently acquired an ATV
- Moorings and mooring permits are still the biggest challenge

Public Comments:

Kevin Harris, 119 Fort Point Road, asked if they plan to look at the shellfish poaching problem.

Officer Parker said they will be addressing that, and there will be more in the department to deal with the issue instead of just the Harbormaster.

Beach Walkway Update:

Mr. Luongo said there is not much to report but did say that they are:

- Hoping to apply for the Seaport Economic Development Grant in the spring
- Working with the Building Dept. on permitting and licensing of stairs on town-owned coastal bank

Mr. Luongo said it is important that elected officials express their support to the Seaport Council, and it would help if the Waterfront Committee expressed to the mayor the importance of the project.

Ms. O'Leary suggested doing an outreach for citizen support.

Mr. Geary asked if the project could be broken down into phases; Mr. Luongo said yes:

- Phase 1: Rebuilding of revetment and creating walkway
- Phase 2: Restoration of embankment

Seawall update (Johnson and Wessagusset):

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business: none

Next meeting: March 18, 2021

Adjournment:

*Motion made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Ms. Blazo, to adjourn at 5:54p.m.
7-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote*

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fitzgerald*

Approved by:



~~George Mutch, Chairman~~


Dated: