

**Weymouth Waterfront Committee
Weymouth, MA
Remote Meeting via Webex
September 16, 2021
Minutes**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Luongo, Director, Planning & Community Development
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner
Monica Kennedy, Assistant Planner
Officer Ed Yakubian, WPD Marine Unit

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: September 16, 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 5:00pm.

Minutes:

There were no minutes available for review.

Harbormaster Report:

Lt. Morse said it has been a great summer. He said there have been some gate issues and the town will be working to get back two parking spaces the state took for their use.

Parking Lot - Mr. Luongo said a vulnerability study was done to identify vulnerable areas near River Street. He said he wants the Engineering Dept. to look at flooding issues before any improvements are made.

Waterways – Officer Ed Yakubian reported:

- A new mooring program has sped up the process; Ch. 91 is the next priority for modernization
- There will be another 2022 boating safety class in Plymouth in October.
- Boats are running well
- There was a Pollution Hazard Training class in the upper Fore River area

Update: Beach walkway:

Mr. Luongo said the town has received a \$1 million grant from the Seaport Economic Council (they did not get the \$600K grant from the state). The town will be providing \$5 to \$5.5 million in mitigation funds from the compressor station money. Mr. Luongo said construction can begin after Labor Day, 2022, and will take about two years to complete; the town will hire a project manager. Mr. Luongo said this is really a coastal resiliency program.

Mr. Luongo said there was a bank failure within 20 feet of 109 Regatta Road. He is meeting with Coastal Engineering on January 21st to determine the reason for the failure.

Dredging:

Mr. Luongo said dredging is in the draft phase of the conditions.

Durante property:

Mr. Luongo said the MBTA has been lax in the mitigation of this property which was relative to the opening of the Greenbush line in 2007. The MBTA is now committed to the project and will clean up the contamination on the Durante property.

Mr. Luongo said the mayor has done a great job cleaning up the town; Mr. Sullivan added that people are noticing.

Public Comments: none

Other Business:

Ms. Graham asked if, *before* the town puts out news releases, could the board be notified by email, so they are prepared to answer questions?

Next meeting: October 28, 2021

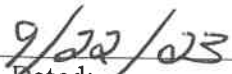
Adjournment:

Motion made by Ms. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Geary, to adjourn at 6:00p.m.
8-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fitzgerald

Approved by:


Paul Brooks, Clerk


Dated: 9/22/23